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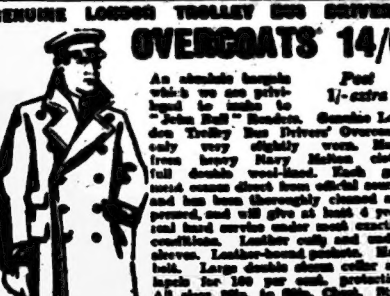
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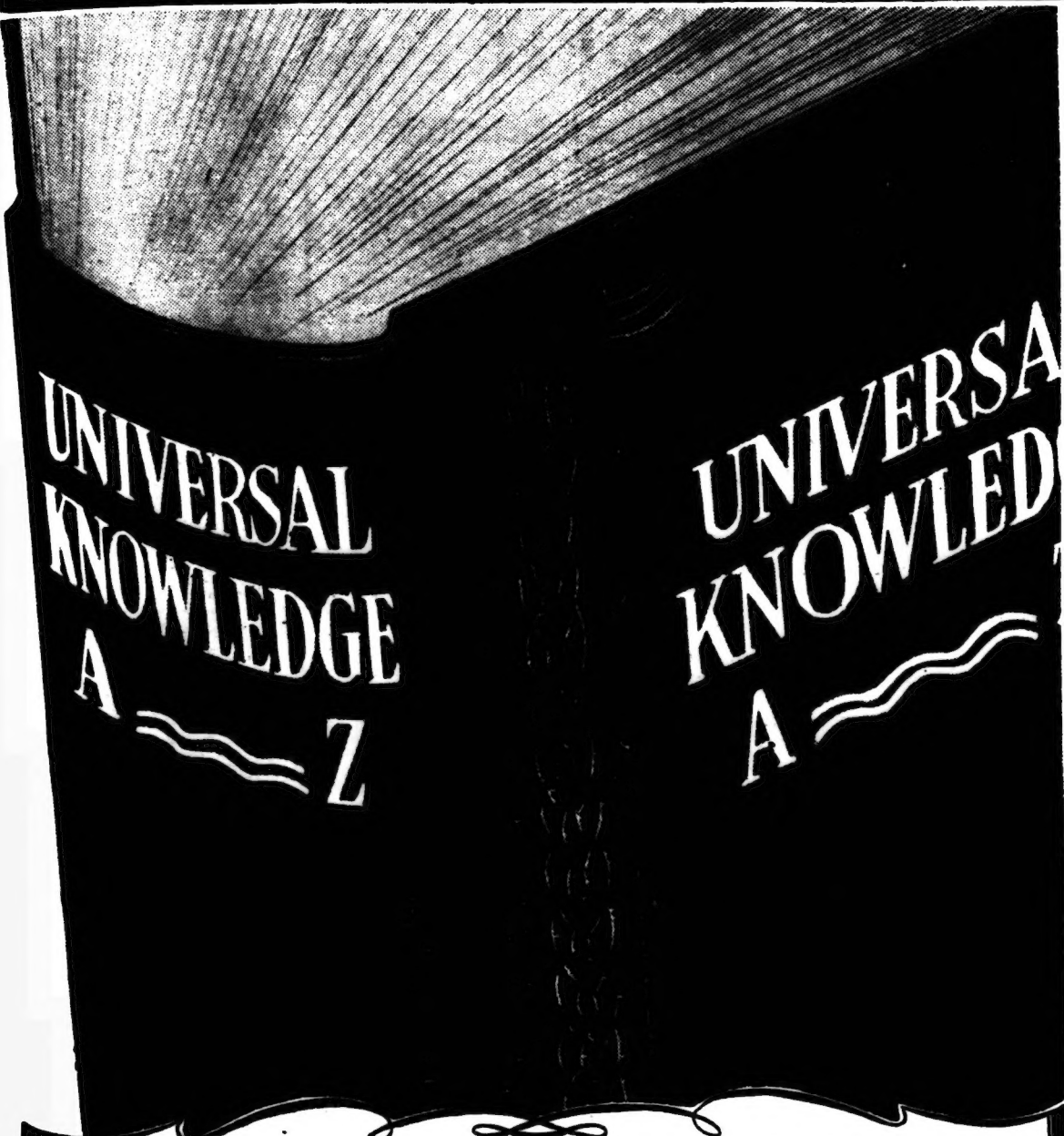
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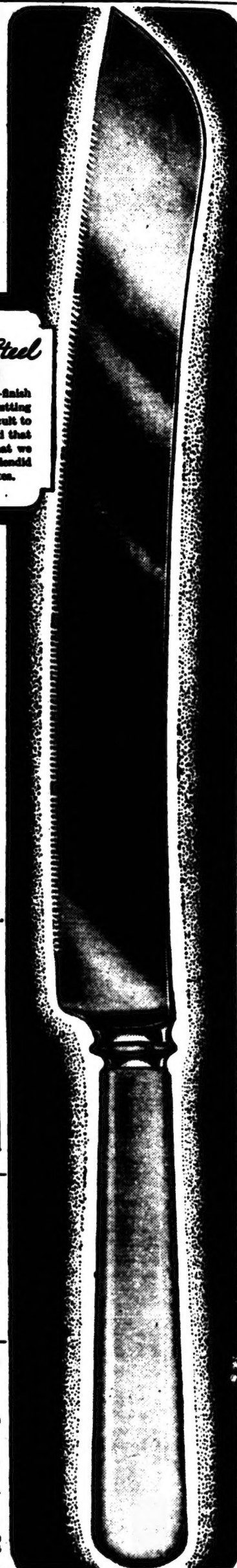


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Lone Voice

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—We've Got Famine

So call as your first witness the South Wales deputation that has just seen Lord Rushcliffe, the Unemployment Assistance Board chief.

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Ask Mr. Brown

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There will, in fact, be a big "clean up" before the start of the next dog-racing season.

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*Britain's strength largely depends
on our merchant shipping—yet we
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Army Snobs "Cut" Clerks Their Majesties' Mushrooms When First Aid Comes Last

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Men who do clerical work in workshop offices are classed as "industrial," and, as a result, have no avenues of promotion open to them, nor do they get pensions.

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The State, as an employer, has always made distinctions of which no private employer would be guilty.

For instance, thousands of ex-Service men absorbed into the Civil Service as "temporaries" have always been treated as inferior grades.

Nature Note

After searching fields between Bristol and Clevedon which usually yield a few pounds of mushrooms each at this time of the year, I returned to my car empty-handed.

Some days later I was walking past Buckingham Palace when I picked up a full-grown mushroom which had grown out of a gap in the asphalt that was little bigger than a man's thumbnail.—F. G. G. Sharpe, Arlington House Hotel, London, W.8.

Mushrooms grow prolifically in the grounds of Buckingham Palace.

Temptation

An envelope has just been left at the door. We are invited to put a charitable contribution in it and hand it to a collector who will call later.

How can donors be sure the money will reach the charity? Is there any safeguarding system? If not, the system would seem to be a sinister one.—I. W., Union Road, Lincoln.

Few reputable charities use the envelope system. Those which do issue a fixed number of envelopes to each collector, who must account for every one.

Sometimes collectors' statements are checked up by second call. But police frown on this system, say it often presents undue temptations to collectors. In fact, it has started thousands of careers of crime.

Too Many Shifts

As a worker in the textile industry, I am alarmed at the growth of the shift system.

Some employers are resorting to it because factory extensions would mean added rates.

It matters little to some of them that life is made upside-down for the workers, opportunities to develop the cultural side of life are lost, and the housewife with husband, sons and daughters working different shifts has to put in a twenty-four-hour day.—Clifford Waite, 23, Kenley Mount, Moore Avenue, Wibsey, Bradford.

Shift system is becoming a grave problem in the cotton industry. Many foreign firms that have opened up in Lancashire have resorted to it, and their British rivals are driven by this competition to follow suit.

British workers don't mind night-shifts to deal with unprecedented orders, but they consider that keeping factories in full blast for twenty-four hours out of twenty-four, year in, year out, is a bit too thick.

Price of Principle

Years ago I resolved never to assist in the production of weapons for the destruction of man.

But, being unemployed, I was recently ordered by the authorities to undertake civilian work in mounting guns for emergency.

My conscience dictated refusal of the job—so I refused.

As a result, I have been suspended from unemployment benefit for six weeks. So I have had to resort to the Unemployment Assistance Board, which has now deducted 3s. from my allowance—virtually a punishment of my family because of the expression of my conscience.—J. H. Airtton, 19, Essex Crescent, Billingham, Co. Durham.

In its scheme for the compilation of a National Service Register the Government will have to define its intentions with regard to conscientious objectors to war.

Shilling Rooms

Too-high rent is the biggest cause of human misery.

Why shouldn't the Government say that the rent of no working-class man's house should exceed a shilling per room per week? What happiness it would mean to millions!—C. W. Cooke, 5, Victoria Avenue, Glovers Road, Small Heath, Birmingham.

Not with wooden partitions so cheap.

True Riches

My husband asked me to look up an address in his diary. I can't tell you with what pride I read the following entry:

"Date, Friday. Time, 11 p.m. Wife knitting. Boy asleep. Wireless playing swing. House rather warm. Weather: muddy after rain. Money scarce. Job poor. The world: not so bad."—Mrs. R. F., Wright Street, Codnor, Derbyshire.

"This world is a torment and a hell," wrote a millionaire who shot himself. Which was the richer man?

"World Blindness"

In a room where thirty people work I found a youth of nineteen who couldn't tell the time.

Surprised, I made further enquiries. Six middle-aged women could not read or write. Two girls, sixteen and nineteen respectively, could read a little but could not write. A man of thirty could read printed words but not handwriting.

It is an eye-opener to me to find that

This is Woody Bay Station, near Farracombe, Devon. The names sound as if they belong to fairyland. And, indeed, the place looks as if it belongs to a Walt Disney film.

But the competition of road transport has closed the little, single-track line that ran to Woody Bay. Time marches on!—Bernard J. Rastall, 41, Warwick Road, New Southgate, N.11.



Sorry!

We said in "Voice of the People" that water discharged from the side of a ship was condensed steam from the boilers.

It isn't. It is cooling water used to condense steam from the boilers, and we have had letters telling us so from:

- 2 Naval Commanders,
- 3 Master Mariners,
- 1 Naval Mess,
- 2 Ships' Designers,
- 11 Marine Engineers,
- 2 Stokers, and
- 17 Ex-Sailors.

Many sent us blue prints, sectional diagrams of ships cut in half, and plans on squared paper as additional proof.

In all, 167 letters of correction! We're still a maritime nation, obviously.

reasonably young people should be illiterate in these days of free education.—E. Shooter, 50, Onslow Avenue, Lenton Abbey Estate, Nottingham.

No statistics as to illiteracy have been kept in this country since 1914, when 3 per cent. of the male and 1 per cent. of the female population couldn't read or write.

Remaining difficulties in the way of wiping out illiteracy: (1) Certain people learn reading and writing, but forget in about five years, and (2) certain people who can be otherwise intelligent suffer from "word blindness." Word shapes convey nothing to them.

Cupid's Copy

I went into a shop for JOHN BULL. "I'm sorry, but we've just sold the last copy," said the shopkeeper.

A young man who had just reached the door turned towards me. "I bought it," he said. "I would be happy for you to have it."

That young man is now my husband.—Mrs. E. S., Carisbrooke Road, Walton, Liverpool.

Nevertheless, we still maintain that it is better to order your copy.

Death Trap

By a foot—no more—I have just missed crushing a woman and her baby to death against a wall.

A skidding car struck my lorry and

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forced me on to the pavement. By a miracle a terrible tragedy was averted. In wet weather that road is like a nightmare. Surely we have the money to rid the country of all such death-traps?—A. Hodgson, Jun., 178, Rockland Place, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, Yorks.

According to Transport-Minister Burgin only three accidents out of 200 are due to roads, and one of those three is due to bad surfacing. But he has never divulged principle on which Ministry worked this out. County surveyors and others put figure much higher.

... Near to Tears

The Employment Exchange is the last place where you would expect to hear laughter. But there has just been uproarious laughter at our exchange.

Intending to notify a man of a change of hours, the clerk said to him: "Next week it's 2.15 for you."

His face lit up. "Thank God for that," he said. "It's about time I had more. A quid's not enough."—T. C., Swansea.

Charlie Chaplin once said that if you examine something that makes you laugh, a minute or so later you are likely to find it very heartbreaking. And that's true of this little story.

First-Aid Last

I want to learn first-aid. I don't want to make money out of it. I don't want to make it a career. I shan't get any kick out of it.

I want to learn first-aid so that I can be of help to my fellow-men in time of peace and of greater help to my country in case of war.

I find that I shall have to pay for the lectures—a sum I can't afford.

And that, to my mind, with the country anxious to use its men and women to the full, is wrong.—R. R., Adelaide Crescent, Westham, Weymouth.

Thousands of first-aid workers have to supply their own bandages.

Where Snails Go . . .

I enclose a letter which bears what must be surely the strangest of all post office endorsements.—Mrs. G. Ethell, c/o 2, Sandhole Lane, Westbury Leigh, Wilts.

Envelope was posted at Dorchester, has ragged hole eaten through it.

The endorsement, in startling crimson, is: "Mutilated by snails in letter-box."

We want to know what you are thinking about, what you've seen or done.

So write to the "Voice of the People," 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

We pay 10s. 6d. for each letter published, and an extra 10s. 6d. if we use your own drawing or photograph illustrating the letter.

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GUARD YOUR LIBERTIES!

A Warning About National Service



ON GUARD!

That is JOHN BULL's warning to every man and woman in Britain.

Your homes, your jobs may depend upon your vigilance.

In the near future you may be called upon to face not the peril of war, but the peril which might arise from a blind participation in a European arms race.

It is urgent and necessary that the nation should make sacrifices so that it may be ready, in every way, to meet an emergency.

And such sacrifices will be met cheerfully and loyally.

Never again shall a crisis find us unready, as did the one from which we have just emerged.

But that is no reason why any concessions which we are called upon to make should include **THE SACRIFICE OF LIBERTY**.

Already there are unmistakable signs of the attack which is to be launched. The skirmishers and snipers have gone into action.

Disguised by the labels National Service, National Safety, and National Register, proposals which would fetter the civil rights of the subject are being put forward.

In theory such ideas may be good, but unless they are wisely applied grievous harm can be done.

For this reason JOHN BULL welcomes and commends the conference, which is being held in London this week, to discuss in general the subject "War Preparations and Democratic Liberties."

Every effort should be made to let the public know exactly what is going on behind the scenes of Government. We cannot be warned too soon.

And to each proposal set before the country this test must be applied:

HOW FAR DOES IT AFFECT OUR LIBERTY AND THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY?

IF IT RESTRICTS NEEDLESSLY ONE PARTICLE OF HARD-WON FREEDOM IT CANNOT BE ENDURED.

HERE are some of the lines on which propagandists of the new Fascism are endeavouring to steer the country.

Mr. A. Duff Cooper, M.P., who recently resigned from the post of First Lord of the Admiralty, writes:

"Times have changed, and no longer can we hope to retain privileges which are not enjoyed in the other countries of Europe. Henceforth, it is the first duty of our Leaders to explain this new situation to the people."

And then we find another Member of

Parliament—true he is only a minor quantity, but his mentality is typical—saying:

"Every young man of eighteen or nineteen should serve at least six months in a national labour camp."

This kind of stuff is advanced as a practical plan by a national newspaper when discussing the steel industry and the freedom of commerce:

"This must end. It is essential that the Ministry of Supply be entitled to command the steel it requires, and that no orders be filled until the Government demands are satisfied."

Later, in the same ridiculous article, are the words:

"As the number of qualified craftsmen in England is limited they must all be turned on to rearmament."

"This, as you surely see, can only be done by giving the Ministry of Supply powers so that every mechanic of proved value be engaged on the essential task of making the country safe against attack."

So you see what kind of ideas are being expounded.

Industries, trades and professions must all be swept into complete dislocation to make way for a problematic Security.

What sensible individual could stomach such balderdash?

Yet there is no knowing to what lengths the extremists will drive the existing Government.

It is certain that, before long, there will be a National Register of all adult citizens.

Unless such legislation is properly planned it can become the spearhead of the onslaught on civil liberty.

Without question a Registry for emergency service by all citizens will be a valuable defence asset. As such it is to be welcomed.

But it must not inflict unnecessary hardship, nor must it allow opportunities for abuse. **SO BE ON GUARD!**

New Ministries are certain to be established to augment the power of Whitehall.

Acts of Parliament will be rushed through Commons and Lords for this purpose.

In these circumstances it would be easy for clauses, drafted with deliberate evasiveness, to chain restrictions on the public.

Rights of the trade unions might well be the first objective. Dilution of labour, enforcement of wage scales with consequent lowering of the standards of living and a score of other dangerous possibilities might be threatened.

One plan under consideration is the establishment of a Ministry of National Service.

In England we cherish our liberties, and our strongest weapon for their defence is that greatest liberty of all—Free Speech.

In control of this new and expensive establishment there would be a "Director-General," and four regional Directors.

Supplied with information from the National Registry, 't would be their duty to allocate work to everybody from the age of eighteen to sixty.

Under such a scheme enforcement of labour would certainly crop up.

The machinery of the employment exchanges and of the public assistance committees would then, naturally, be used for the compulsion of the unwilling.

THE penalty would be the withdrawal of unemployment benefit or public assistance.

But the officials drawing up these plans fight shy of the words "compulsory service."

The Prime Minister has given a pledge, and has repeated it, that nothing in the nature of compulsory service or of conscription will be introduced in Peace Time by the present Government.

That pledge stands firmly—for the moment.

But there are ways and means—emergency Acts of Parliament, sudden Orders in Council—of undermining even the pledge of a Premier.

Why, at the present moment, it is being stressed that A.R.P. volunteers should be bound by contract to continue their work for a definite period of years.

They will be kept at A.R.P., and all manner of other duties which may follow, whether they like it or not.

AT least that is the proposal put forward in all seriousness. And if they should falter they will be penalised.

Each of these ideas imperils liberty and the freedom which is Britain's.

Some of them will be adopted by the Government. Of that there is no doubt.

How many can Britain countenance?

All of us are willing to work hard. But for National Safety we do not intend to destroy National and Individual Liberty.

Every scheme which is put forward must be analysed. Those which are good we will accept with enthusiasm. The others must be fought with all the power of democracy.

Otherwise This Freedom—for which sacrifice is no penalty, but a pleasure—will become a valueless shadow.

Again JOHN BULL warns you—**ON GUARD!**

**Without
Fear or
Favour**

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR

A "JOHN BULL" Investigator introduces you to the men in the street of other nations

No. 2—Germany

SO you heard Hitler's Nuremberg speech over the wireless, did you?

Something seemed to go wrong with your peace-loving instincts that night.

In that crowd of 30,000 people who seemed to be cheering for war you pictured all the Germans you have met and liked, all the young Germans who write letters breathing trust and comradeship to their British counterparts.

Do you know where they were? Do you know where the German people as a whole were to be found that night—apart from those whose names are on the special Party file from which Hitler audiences are selected?

They were listening-in, too.

The mention of war struck as cold a fear in their hearts as it did in yours.

At that moment they had no reason to suspect that there was any likelihood of war with Britain or France. You are told so much, they so little.

They know now, and their sense of relief is that of a man who has come through almost indescribable peril.

But let us forget the raucous 30,000 and meet the Germans who listened-in that night with us.

There's Fritz. He is a skilled artisan and earns about 36s. a week, which is 5s. a week more than he would get as an unskilled man.

As a worker he has to belong to the Labour Front, must carry a sort of labour passport, and is not allowed to go to any other town and work.

But as a member of the Labour Front, he is entitled to live in a barrack-like block of flats in Berlin at a rent that may be anything from 24s. to 50s. a month.

That Labour Front ticket earns him other privileges. Cheap theatre tickets occasionally, gymnasium facilities, the right to go on "Strength Through Joy" holidays.

He was one of the six million who went to the seaside for about 30s. last year.

Next summer he hopes to have a cruise to Norway for £25, and is already paying the weekly instalments.

Although the compulsory deductions from his wages total 5s. 10d. a week, Fritz doesn't grumble.

To be quite fair, they get him more than 5s. 10d. worth of advantages.

Fritz is now forty-one.

He doesn't want war. "I had my fill in the last lot," he tells his pals, ruefully. "We, too," they chorus.

But Fritz shows an almost blind obedience to leadership which, to British ideas, seems incomprehensible—and dangerous.

WHAT you must remember, however, is that all his forebears have been conscripted into the army since the year 1815—into an army that exacted blind, unthinking, unquestioning obedience.

It did a lot of good for the national character. It has given the German his orderliness of habit, the disciplined mind that has helped him so much in science and industry.

But it made him militaristic. And Fritz must have a leader. He likes a leader.

His worship of the State—which is so different from the British brand of patriotism—comes, in part, from that century of conscription.

But there is also the fact that Luther taught worship of God and the State.

FRITZ LIKES A LEADER

That, for more than four hundred years, has been the foundation-stone of the national religion.

The State may have quarrels with organised religion, nowadays. But the State is a greater religion than ever before.

Fritz snaps his fingers at democratic government.

TELL him what democratic government has done here and he won't believe you. He says his own experience has been so different.

"Bismarck gave us our first Parliament in 1871," he tells you. "A fat lot of good that did for us."

Bismarck used to dissolve it and call another whenever he couldn't get agreement from it—and it hadn't improved a lot when the war broke out.

Yet Fritz still thinks that was democratic government.

He got something much nearer to the British model after the war.

But, in those years, everything went wrong.

Versailles plunged Germany into physical and mental agony. And it was almost natural for Fritz and the majority of his compatriots to put a large measure of the blame on democratic government.

But what about the Jews? Does Fritz hate the Jews?

The answer is "No." There is a lot in the maltreatment of the Jews that sickens him.

But for centuries Prussians have been brought up to a belief that sounds strange to the people of other nations.

They believe that a German is the product of the German soil—that the qualities of local soil actually affect the qualities of the blood in the course of time. As a result, Fritz had a mild dislike of all non-Germanic people to be found on German soil long before he heard of Hitler.

All that has made it easier to inculcate in him an active dislike of the Jews.

But, even to-day, it doesn't amount

to a hate. And in his heart of hearts Fritz pities the Jews.

Then there's Emilie. She lives in Dresden.

Ernst might have been too poor to marry her three years ago if it hadn't been for the 1,000-mark (£50) marriage loan available to young couples.

Already Emilie has two babies. With the coming of each one a quarter of the loan has been wiped out. Two more and she won't owe the State a penny.

Now there's nothing supercilious in that comment. No woman in the world loves a home, a husband and babies more than a German woman.

If you know all the difficulties Emilie has to face, you'd wonder why she always looks so happy.

She is only allowed an ounce of butter per day, butter that the poorest people in this country would refuse to buy, and it costs her about 1s. 7d. a pound.

SKIMMED milk is 1½d. a pint. Cheese contains only 20 per cent. fat, as against a minimum of about 55 per cent. in Britain.

And Emilie must always buy it from the same dairyman.

When she and Ernst moved from another part of Dresden a month or two ago she had to cross the city every day for her dairy produce until her husband had written to the Food Department of the Retail Shops Economic Group, District Department for Saxony, 18, Ringstrasse, Dresden A., and had her ration card transferred.

"Coupled selling" on the part of her greengrocer is the bugbear of her life. It has been made illegal, but it still goes on.

When onions are scarce, the retailer will permit her to buy a handful as long as she takes a big quantity of something plentiful—say, rhubarb.

To get oranges, which are always scarce, she may have to buy bananas, which come in fair quantities from German growers in the Cameroons.

Often she has to put her name on a waiting list for pork; it is so scarce.

A real tragedy, that scarcity, seeing that 71 per cent. of the meat Germans used to consume was pork.

And doughnuts, which Germans love so much, are almost unprocurable, due to the shortage of fats.

"I have to buy in the wholesale market just what I'm allotted, at the price I'm asked," says Emilie's butcher, selling her poor cuts of beef at 1s. 3d. a pound, or steak at 4s. 1

Her greengrocer tells the same story of his wholesale market.

A new joy in her life, however, is the fact that sausage suppers have become reality again.

Butchers have found a way of making excellent imitations of liver sausage, black pudding, salami, dampfwurst and rotwurst with white fish, 10 per cent. beef, animal blood, colouring and seasoning matter.

IT'S undoubtedly a struggle for Emilie—but she has been told that it is to make Germany great again without recourse to arms.

She looks towards her baby boy lying in his cot. Yes, Germany must be made great without fighting.

And Ernst thinks the same. His suit of imitation wool has no warmth in it. It feels like pliable metal to his body. It will stand showers, but he daren't venture out into a real downpour.

Ernst says: "The Leader wants peace. With my help he can make Germany greater than ever. It might need even greater sacrifices, but the peaceful way is best."

You've peeped into two German homes.

What you have seen is typical of what you would see in millions.

The German man in the street sees giant flaws in the Nazi system. It would be insulting his intelligence to say that he didn't.

But Hitler is improving national prestige. Everybody sets great store on that.

MEN and women alike wish they could see interesting films, read enthralling books, get newspapers that weren't copies of each other—and dull at that.

But, if it is for the good of Germany, what does it matter if even inspiration is State-controlled?

The German people look to Hitler—many, it is true, because they daren't do anything else.

They look to him hoping it will be peace.

They cheer him. No living man has ever had such cheers.

But far more of those cheers than you imagine are cheers for peace.



When glasses clink and songs go round the table, Fritz is the happiest man on earth

A. G. Gardiner has some

RARELY has Parliament re-assembled in graver or more anxious circumstances than those in which it will meet on Tuesday next.

In the interval since the prorogation in August events have occurred which have profoundly changed the political landscape of Europe.

The world has been brought to the brink of universal war, Germany has been established as the dominant power on the Continent, and the position of the democratic nations has been shaken throughout the world.

It will be the business of Parliament to face the consequences of these momentous happenings in all their aspects.

It will do so, we may be sure, with a full sense of the vastness of the issues at stake.

Those issues involve not only the security and well-being of these islands, but the whole structure of world society and ultimately the liberties of every people under the sun.

In approaching its task Parliament will remember the greatness of its responsibility. The tradition of liberty, self-government and free institutions has been this country's noblest contribution to human affairs.

Now that that tradition is nakedly challenged by the forces of barbarism it is for the Mother of Parliaments to strike the keynote in defence of civilisation.

THAT keynote should be sounded with as little discord as possible. There is ample ground for shame and indignation at recent events. Still more for dissatisfaction with the years of negligence of which those events are the fruit.

The failure of the Government to appreciate the terrific menace of Nazism, the ignorance of the Napoleonic aims and preparations of the German dictator in which they were apparently left by their agents, their deafness to warnings and the shocking inadequacy of the defences against air invasion—

PLAIN WORDS for PARLIAMENT

all this is material for indictment, if not impeachment.

But this is not the moment for that. Our immediate task is with the present and the future.

We have had a catastrophic fall, and now in the breathing space that is permitted us while Hitler is digesting and consolidating his vast gains in Central Europe we must address ourselves to the work of recovery.

It seems obvious that two lines of activity are vital. The first is the strengthening of our defences against attack, especially our defences in the air.

It was the peril of London, as much as any factor, which weakened our bargaining hand in the negotiations at Berchtesgaden, Godesberg and Munich.

No effort, no cost, no considerations for persons must stand in the way of lessening that peril.

What of the changes in Mr. Chamberlain's Government? I will just say this: It is his bounden duty to bring into the service of the State in this emergency the best brains, no matter whether they are the brains of friend or foe.

To-day there should be only one Party. Mr. Chamberlain, more than any one, can obliterate Party. He should follow the example of Lincoln, who ignored everything about a col-

league—even disloyalty—except his fitness for the job.

Let us show in this crisis that democracy, when it has its back to the wall, can act with as much solidarity and swiftness as any dictator. Let us put our differences by till the danger is past.

In this business of preparedness Parliament can do much to ginger up the nation by its example.

IT has an easy task. The people are splendid. They are prepared for any sacrifice. They have only to be told how they can serve and they are ready for the call.

That is the advantage of democracy: its strength grows on danger. The greater the peril, the more solid the nation that is free.

Can Hitler, can Mussolini say that of their dragooned peoples? Half their peoples are waiting for the moment when they can strike their tyrants down. That is the Achilles heel of dictatorship.

So much for the first line of activity. The second is not less urgent.

It is the line of peaceful endeavour, which must be pursued with equal vigour.

In this respect we have to recognise the fact that the *débâcle* over Czechoslovakia has reorientated our policy. We may not like it—I don't—but we have to accept the fact.

We have to work through the Four Power Pact, dominated at present by the dictators.

Since Hitler and Mussolini refuse to associate with us at Geneva, we have to make what terms we can with the dictators at Munich or wherever else they may consent to receive us.

Well, we must put our pride in our pocket and do the best we can on this basis. But if we have to go to Canossa we must not go as beggars.

We must go with clear principles of action in our mind and with a policy on which in the last resort we shall not be prepared to yield.

What is that policy? It is the reconciliation of Europe—not parts of Europe, but all Europe—on the basis of law and justice.

"POWER politics"—that is, the argument of force—has won a great victory, but at whatever cost we must take our stand against the domination of Europe by the sword and the bomber.

If Europe is ever going to be a place in which men can live in peace and security again it must rest on an international law which all countries accept and which all countries co-operate in making, revising and enforcing.

It must also have a common clearing-house where all the differences of nations can be discussed and settled in the atmosphere of negotiation.

After the last war we thought we had such a substitute for the arbitrament of war in the League of Nations.

But we have been disappointed for reasons which I cannot go into here, but finally because the dictator Powers resolved to appeal to force and because the League Powers, and not least this



Not from the B.B.C.

Aren't Women Wonderful?

Cheer, boys, cheer and be contented,
For manly grit is still in big demand!

And Mrs. E. M. White
Will applaud you with delight
If you'll only take a needle in your hand!



IF the National Council of Women has its way, all schoolboys will in future be taught to cook, sew and sweep.

Supporting a resolution to this effect, designed to bring up the husbands of the future in the way they should go, Mrs. E. M. White, J.P., complained that there is at present "a stigma of compulsion on one sex only" to learn these things.

Still, the stigma is sometimes, as it were, on the other foot—the foot that man fails to put down firmly enough.

For there is little doubt that the average male would willingly swap the job of winning the bread for that of burning the toast.

Nor would he mind doing a spot of tatting if the owner of the hand that at present wields the needle would undertake to roll the lawn.

Well, well, if boys will be girls, the chances are that young Cyril, Egbert, Stinker and Co. will get more amusement out of learning to put patches on pants and to fry kippers than they extract from such

loathsome subjects as 'rithmetic and jography.

Indeed, they may well receive Mrs. White's idea with an enthusiasm which, I imagine, will be lacking in the National Council of Women for the suggestion, put forward by Miss Beatrice Bezzant, of the Domestic Workers' Union, that mistresses should attend a training school where maids could teach them a thing or two about running a house. Whatever mistresses may think of this, I'm all for it. In fact, I'd invest it with the stigma of compulsion, but would avoid sex favouritism by applying it to male as well as female employers.

So sing a song of the upside-down
And a song of the back-to-front;
For brokers' clerks will on brokers
frown,

And workers at foremen grunt,
And the office-boy, at the evening
school,

Will tick off the boss as a prize old
fool!
Y. Z.

country, allowed the instrument to break in their hands.

I see that Lord Ponsonby urges a modification of the League machinery which, by restricting its activities, would tempt the dictators to resume their association with it.

Not until we can establish the principle of negotiation and the rule of law in place of the argument of indiscriminate massacre is there any hope of escape from the shadow that darkens the sky of every land.

The breathing space will soon pass and we shall be confronted with the next phase of Hitler's programme—the demand for the return of the colonies.

This will be the occasion for testing the policy we should adopt. Hitler has said that he would not make this question a matter of arms.

If that is so, the course is clear.

Let us offer, as Lord Selborne has suggested, to submit the question of the colonies, coupled with the discussion of disarmament and the reconstruction of the League of Nations to a free conference of all the Powers.

If Hitler agreed, the way would be paved, not only to the settlement of the colonial question, but to the re-establishment of law in the international world and to the substitution of the machinery of peaceful negotiation for "power politics" in the affairs of Europe.



NEW TERM AT ST. STEPHENS
(GEOGRAPHY A SPECIALITY!)

**Lord MAUGHAM,
Lord Chancellor**

MY LORD,—The blunt accusations of nation-wide charity frauds, made in a Blue Book published by the Government, emphasises what I have been saying year in and year out.

This Blue Book mentions again and again the name of Frederick Booth, organiser of the Destitute and Homeless Help Society and other funds.

Well, I have exposed Booth and his wife on nine occasions!

I have maintained close contact with that admirable institution, the Charity Organisation Society; nearly all the rogues included in its black list have come under my lash at various times.

I am proud to think I have prevented large numbers of warm-hearted people from being duped by the bogus charity-mongers.

Now, in view of the sensational facts brought to Parliament's notice, will you not see that legislation is introduced at once to end this great and blatant scandal?—JOHN BULL.

**Alderman AUBREY BATEMAN,
Chairman, Bath Entertainments Committee**

DEAR ALDERMAN,—Your Committee has a duty to all ratepayers, not merely to the rich and fashionable.

Bath's historic Assembly Rooms, restored at a cost of £50,000 to the rates, are to be used only for such "high-class" events as the annual hunt ball.

So a police ball in aid of widows and orphans must be transferred to a smaller ballroom—with a consequent loss to the charity.

This rotten snobbery makes me glad that I don't live in Bath.—JOHN BULL.

**Sir GEORGE SCHUSTER,
Financial Expert**

DEAR SIR GEORGE,—All except three of the British companies importing Argentine meat have refused to show their books to your official committee of enquiry.

The public will draw its own conclusions from this insistence on keeping profits secret.

And, unless the Government promptly gives attention to your charges of "harsh and dictatorial" methods, and your demand for proof of fair dealing, the public will want to know the reason why.—JOHN BULL.

**JOHN A. KIRTON,
Kingsbridge, Devon**

DEAR JOHN,—I think it lamentable that, at the age of seventeen, you have become engaged to a woman of forty-eight who has been twice married.

Fortunately, the wedding will not take place until you are twenty-one.

Which gives you four years to develop from a silly and ignorant boy to a young man of common-sense. I wish you luck in that process.—JOHN BULL.

Open Letters

**Rt. Hon. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, M.P.,
Prime Minister**

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,—Parliament meets next week, and that means trouble for you. A lot of old troubles will call for your decision. A lot of new problems will call for your attention and thought.

But don't let any of them divert your mind from the greatest of all your duties—the continuation of the effort you began at Munich to subdue the hates and fears of Europe and replace them with international friendship and understanding.

Carry on that task in courage and confidence, and you will win for yourself more than world fame.

You will win the affection and support of vast millions of ordinary families, here and abroad, to whom war is as loathsome as it is to you.

Don't let anything or anyone blunt your purpose.

You will have opponents, quite a number of them. You will have as opponents some of your own Tory chiefs—the Duff Coopers and the Churchills and the Lloyds.

They do not care a button about Czechoslovakia. What annoys them is that Herr Hitler got what he was asking for, and that they failed to get their way.

Neglect them, for the country believes in peace and justice.

You will have as opponents some of the extreme anti-Fascists. Good fellows at heart, they have lost control of their heads for the moment. But their calmer judgment will return.

They are men of peace, really, and soon they will find their way back to the peace road.

So carry on, Prime Minister. What if you do make some enemies? Your friends will outnumber them a hundredfold.—JOHN BULL.

**The DEAN AND CHAPTER,
Westminster**

REVEREND SIRS,—Certainly it's time you considered ways of protecting the Unknown Warrior's Tomb in the Abbey.

Since the Crisis it has been temporarily enclosed, but for years thoughtless visitors were able to walk over it; wreaths and flowers were trampled upon.

That one of the most sacred spots in the Empire should be exposed to this sacrilege is deplorable.—JOHN BULL.

**Rt. Hon. Sir SAMUEL HOARE, M.P.,
Home Secretary**

DEAR SIR SAMUEL,—The filthy poison of Jew-baiting continues to drain into our big towns.

It has become part of the everyday life of London's East End. Jews are attacked, their windows broken.

Bethnal Green Council is losing thousands of pounds in rates because Jews are having to give up their shops and houses owing to the terror, a local councillor declares.

It is your duty to maintain order throughout the country. Get on with it.—JOHN BULL.

**The GRIMSTON MAGISTRATES,
Norfolk**

GENTLEMEN,—Let me remind you of the eighteen-year-old girl you have jailed for a month—for a first offence.

She stole from a house where she was employed. The police said that she had been a good worker.

It was also stated that she received 33s. 6d. a month—about a shilling a day!

Would it not have been a more merciful course to have put her on probation?—JOHN BULL.

**Sir THOMAS WHITSON,
Chairman, Herring Board**

DEAR SIR THOMAS,—Herrings may no longer be seen on our tables; the herring industry is faced with ruin—thanks to the crazy policy of creating an artificial scarcity.

Fish landed at Lowestoft is valued at £25,000 less this year than last. And last year was the worst on record.

After this season, the drifter fleets of Yarmouth and Lowestoft will be sold up—if buyers can be found. Herring fishing will be carried on only to meet local needs.

What a biting commentary on your Board's insistence that supplies must be curtailed!

What a scandal that, while millions want cheap food, the market is closed to home consumption!—JOHN BULL.

**Mrs. MAUDE BOOTH,
York Road, Ipswich**

MADAM,—I do not share the sympathy being lavished upon you.

Convicted of stealing from a multiple stores, and said to be a persistent shoplifter, you have been bound over on condition that you never enter a store again.

You will, therefore, have to get someone else to do your family shopping. A hardship, no doubt, but one in your own interests.

Prevention is better than punishment in dealing with crime.—JOHN BULL.

HANNEN SWAFFER'S NEW "WHO'S WHO"

A NNA NEAGLE remembered, but I didn't. She had to remind me, and then, of course, the details of our first meeting came back. I had gone to see Maisie Gay, who was acting in a revue at the London Pavilion.

She was suffering from arthritis, and so dressed on the stage level, curtained off in a room shared by a dozen chorus girls.

Anna was one of them. She gazed at me with wondering eyes. "He is a critic!"

It was some time before we had our first long chat. She had become the British film star of the year by her acting as Queen Victoria in "Sixty Glorious Years."

"So you are the little girl who is playing Queen Victoria?" said Queen Mary to her when she arrived for the premiere, amid excitements a million times greater than Shakespeare ever knew.

Sarah Siddons would gasp at the thought of it. Neither Neil Gwyn, King's mistress though she was, nor Peg Woffington ever got such applause in real life as did Anna Neagle when, on the films, she impersonated them.

Well, Anna, so far as I can see, has not been spoiled.

Some film stars go up-stage. Anna, with her feet on the ground, keeps near the footlights.

"I felt, when I saw myself on the screen as Victoria, that I let it down," she told me. "Then everybody said, 'Oh, the picture's wonderful.' And so I began to feel I could not be so bad after all."

"When you see yourself in a film you only see yourself acting. When I was acting, I felt I was the Queen. But, when I saw the film, I felt I wasn't."

Well, you can't quarrel with a successful artiste who is as frank as that. Besides, Anna is equally frank about her career.

"I had no training," she said. "It just seemed to happen. I was very, very fortunate."

YET Anna must believe in herself. When they started to make "Victoria the Great," money was short.

The City, which had lost millions and millions in British films, would not find any more. So Herbert Wilcox, the producer, Anna Neagle, the star, and the leading technicians pooled all their savings to make the picture. They believed in it, if no one else did.

Because of its limitations, it did not approach in interest or frankness Laurence Housman's play, "Victoria Regina."

Comparatively, it was merely a series of photographs. Yet its remarkable success justified the making of "Sixty Glorious Years," which, frankly, is merely an addition to the first picture, a filling in of gaps, a repetition in some parts, episodes but not a revelation.

Mind you, the great Victoria picture could still be made by Herbert Wilcox if he broadened the limits of his theme, for, within the seventy years which started just before Victoria's reign, all the movements which spread across the world started in Britain—the Red Cross, the Co-operative movement, the Lifeboat service, the Boy Scouts, the Salvation Army, ambulance work, the fight against cruelty to animals and children, the Woman's movement, Temperance.

Then our small island gave to the world chloroform, antiseptics, wireless (although that was the work of an Italian living in England), and the cinematograph.

It is not the kings and queens who matter. Then, of course, film censorship should be broadened.

AS it was, Queen Victoria was seen in the film "Disraeli," and, years before that, in "Sixty Years a Queen."

Not until Edward VIII gave permission, could Victoria be seen upon the stage, and even then, in London, "Victoria Regina" was heavily censored.

In New York, the fact that Prince Albert was allowed to marry the Queen only because he was not the son of his

legitimate father, but of a Court Chamberlain, "a very charming and accomplished person, a commoner and of Jewish extraction," was frankly discussed in a scene between Lord Melbourne and a British Minister. This was cut in London.

So was a conversation in which Prince Albert and his brother discuss Albert's parentage.

Then, after the Lord Chamberlain had seen a private rehearsal, John Brown, Victoria's favourite manservant and confidant, was not allowed to do what he did in New York—enter Victoria's presence with his thumbs in the top of his waistcoat!

This was thought to be too familiar. So John Brown had to enter with his hands on his sporrans strap!

Again, in America, the play was altered after the ex-Queen of Spain went to see it.

HELEN HAYES, playing Victoria, was talking to John Brown about Disraeli.

"I hope you've given him a comfortable room," she said.

"Oh, aye," replied John Brown, "it's the one I used to have."

The ex-Queen of Spain did not like the idea of Brown claiming that he had slept in the room Disraeli was to have.

"He always slept in the servants' quarters," she told Helen Hayes.

So, afterwards, John Brown had to say, "Oh, aye, there's a good spring bed in it, and a kettle-ring for the whisky."

Now, within all these limits, which ruin Art, Herbert Wilcox and Anna Neagle did a first-class job.

Anna went to infinite trouble. For months and months she soaked herself in the history of Victoria and her times.

She read more than twenty books on Victoria's life—every one, in fact, that had been published in English, including one in six volumes.

Anna Neagle—she is a nice, simple girl, charming to meet and nice-looking. She hasn't glamour and she doesn't swank.

THERE'S ONLY ONE ANNA!

She waded through three volumes of Victoria's letters and two of her journals, three books by Clare Jerrold, Benson's book, Strachey's book, Edith Sitwell's, and even Peter Quennell's.

She pored over Greville's memoirs, "The Life of the Prince Consort," by Theodore Martin, and waded through "Vanity Fair" and other magazines and periodicals of the time.

I am afraid, after doing all that, I should have felt, not like Queen Victoria, but Tutankhamen.

Still, Anna's great chance could not have come without the luck that followed her.

She was born in Forest Gate—little Marjorie Robertson.

Her father was a sea captain earning £3 a week when he retired.

After being a dance instructress, Anna joined Andre Charlot's chorus in 1926. She was in the chorus of "The Desert Song" and "This Year of Grace," and then went to New York with Jack Buchanan as a small-part dancer in "Wake Up and Dream."

THAT was only nine years ago. When she came back with Jack, he made her his leading lady in "Stand Up and Sing."

She was Jack's own choice. He believed in her. Some people sneered. But Jack didn't.

Then, when Herbert Wilcox wanted a leading lady for a Jack Buchanan film—he tried to get Evelyn Laye, but she was engaged, and then Lea Seidl, but she was ill—Jack suggested Anna.

Herbert gave her the job, without even making a test!

Since that time Anna has made thirteen films, going back to the stage only twice, once to act Rosalind and Olivia in Regent's Park, and the second time, which was last Christmas, to be Peter Pan.

That is Anna's career. First Jack

Buchanan believed in her, and then Herbert Wilcox believed in her.

And then, when "Victoria the Great" wanted money, she believed in Herbert Wilcox.

IT'S been just hard work and honest endeavour.

Anna is just a nice, simple girl with a growing intelligence, charming to meet, nice-looking. She hasn't glamour and she doesn't swank.

And, if you ask, "How on earth did you make yourself like the old Queen?" she merely says, "Oh, I wore big pieces of rubber fastened on my teeth."

She finds it hard to realise that, even when she serves on a jury, she excites more attention than the prisoner.

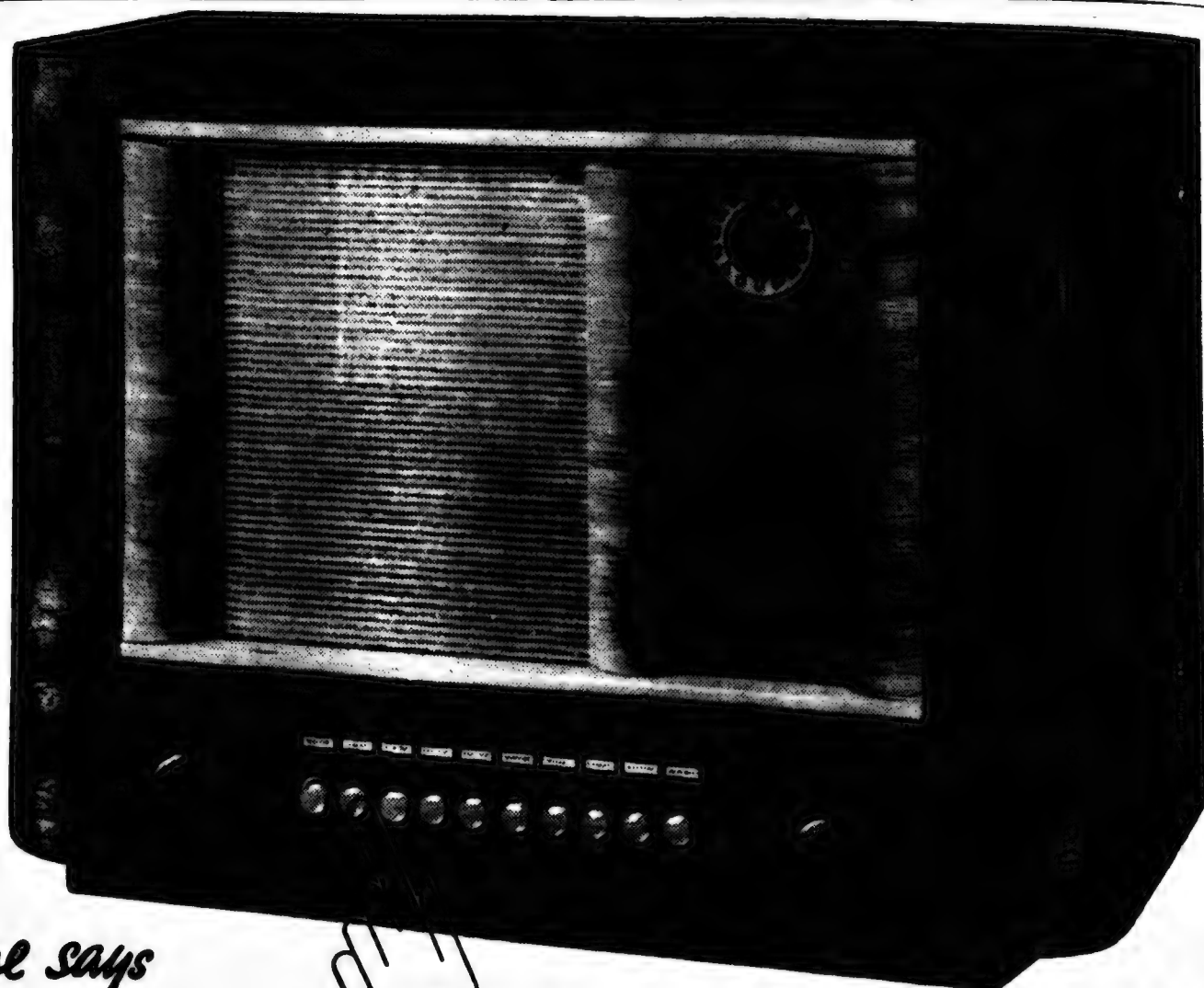
But she finds it natural to sympathise with the criminal and say, "Well, if the poor fellow was hard up, how can you blame him?"

Anna's next film rôle, I believe, will be Marie Lloyd.

I don't think much of the choice. I don't know anybody who could play the part except Marie herself. People like that aren't born every year, you know.

There was only one Marie, just as there is only one Gracie. Still, there is only one Anna Neagle.





Christopher Stone says

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WOMEN

THE women of Britain have not waited for a national service scheme to be launched.

Already they have organised themselves to give emergency help in civil life, in the air, and with the Territorial Army.

The newly formed organisations controlling these activities are the Women's Voluntary Services, the Women's Air Patrol, and the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service, whose members are already known as the W.A.T.S.

Largest of the three is the Women's Voluntary Service, which was started three months ago by Lady Reading and five assistants.

The Home Office gave them for headquarters an office in Queen Anne's Chambers, Tothill Street, Westminster.

They had no money, though in special circumstances they were allowed small grants for expenses.

From the start everything they have achieved has been done by voluntary labour.

And they have built up a network which covers the whole country. By Christmas, Lady Reading estimates half a million women will have enrolled.

During the crisis the W.V.S. acted as a clearing-house for A.R.P. workers.

In three days it supplied more than 500 women and girls to districts round London where there was a shortage of workers to help in fitting and distributing gas-masks, running canteens, and doing clerical work.

It found all the "evacuation officers" who were in charge of the children taken out of London, and also made arrangements for the transfer of expectant mothers from the capital at the rate of about 3,000 a week.

Women in every walk of life were rallied. Typists, clerks and domestic servants worked alongside architects, authors, doctors and Mayfair hostesses.

How has such an organisation grown in so short a time?

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Upon Lady Reading has fallen the brunt of the burden. She and her assistants have worked night and day.

As the first volunteers came in, some of the routine work was handed over to them, leaving Lady Reading free to plan recruiting schemes and draft recruits in the jobs for which they would be most fitted.

She approached local authorities all

over the country and offered to supply them with cooks, clerical workers, messengers and runners, waitresses, or women experienced in any of thirty-four occupations. She set up thirteen local "regions" covering the whole of Great Britain.

Lending her aid were forty-six organisations representing such widely diverse interests as the National Labour Organisation, the National Union of Teachers, the Red Cross, Girl Guides, and the Midwives' Institute. She got support from Church of England, Roman Catholic, Jewish and Free Church women.

Within three months the staff at headquarters was increased from six to sixty.

Some are full-time workers, some only part-time.

They work for love instead of a pay envelope, but there is no slackness or want of enthusiasm.

At first Lady Reading interviewed every new London recruit herself, but now she has a special staff of fifteen for this work. * * *

During the crisis this staff worked in relays and interviewed new recruits at the rate of one every five minutes.

As the membership swells, women and girls with new qualifications become available. Lady Reading is quick to create opportunities for this new material.

For example, recently she created an "architects' panel," composed of fifty women architects who are prepared to make surveys free of charge and give advice about the best way to build bomb-proof shelters or gas-proof rooms.

There is also a transport department, in charge of Lady Iris Capell, which provides special training in night driving without lights.

A Croydon motoring school has lent the W.V.S. a course with specially built "hazards," such as low bridges and hairpin bends.

Obviously, women trained in this way would be invaluable in night air-raids when there was a "black-out."

Every woman who joins the W.V.S. must do a simple course in Air Raid Pre-

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A member of the new Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service. Her duties will include taking over the "housekeeping" in time of war



cautions. Some do a more advanced course.

A nun from a convent in Surrey was one of six women who went to Fairfield, the gas school in Gloucestershire, and took the full training.

Now that she has qualified, the nun is going to visit convents all over the country giving lectures on A.R.P.

Now let's look at the Women's Air Patrol, the aim of which is to train women as "B" licence pilots.

For 6d. a week the girls get ground instruction in engines and rigging. Flying is done at Romford at Civil Air Guard rates.

At present there are about 180 members, but branches are being started in other parts of the country.

The Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service is not, as many imagine, a resurrection of the W.A.A.C.S. or other women's corps which were formed during the war.

UNIFORM

It is something quite new in Army administration, for the women will be attached to every regiment—and will work alongside the men.

Their duties in time of war would be to do the regimental "housekeeping"—take over the cooking, look after the canteens, do the clerical work as well as help with transport and ambulance work.

The W.A.T.S. will be formed into companies of from sixteen to thirty-five, and a girl may ask to be attached to a particular regiment if she wishes.

She must do a minimum of ten drills

a year and go to camp for a period of from ten to fourteen days once in two years.

Her term of service is three years.

Every county is to have its quota of women according to the strength of its Territorials.

Already some counties, Staffordshire, for example, have their full complement of W.A.T.S. and recruiting has been closed.

Yes, our women have not been slow to respond to their country's call. The lead they have given should be an inspiration to their menfolk.

YOU have just read how the women of Britain have risen to the national emergency.

Twenty-five years after Eve was given the privileges of citizenship she is cheerfully undertaking the full responsibilities of that citizenship.

What a history of achievement those twenty-five years represent for her!

She has flown at 293.05 miles an hour. She has made her mark in sports that used to be closed to her.

She has won places for 4,000,000 of her sisters in industry—many of them big jobs, the posts of captains of industry.

Thirty-six of those women are actually practising at the bar—and Eve is far from being content with that.

No fewer than 3,000 women are sitting as justices of the peace—many of them as chairmen.

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Women in Parliament, women doctors, a former woman Cabinet Minister in Miss Margaret Bondfield—and probably not even the diplomatic service, most conservative of services, is going to hold out against Eve for ever.

It hasn't in America. The U.S. has women envoys in Denmark and Norway. Britain will follow suit, one day.

Eve Achieves . .

Take Her to Olympia

Next Wednesday

Most important point of all, woman has learnt how to fight for her own causes.

Take, just as one instance, the "Over Thirty" movement.

Women everywhere are pledging themselves to fight the battle of the girl who is employed in fields where she is wanted only in the first bloom of her youth, and then is pushed out of the one trade she understands when she approaches thirty.

That fight may end, one day, in a complete boycott of firms that buy the best four or five years of a girl's life and then fling her on to the scrap-heap.

What a surprise you would have, if you could see those twenty-five years of woman's achievement as a sort of cavalcade.

And that is exactly what you will be able to do next week.

Twenty organisations, representing 3,000,000 women, are going to show you all that women have done when the Woman's Fair opens at Olympia on Wednesday next, to remain open—a complete survey of everything dear to the heart of a woman—until November 26.

There will be a special Hall of Achievement in which the full story of woman's progress will be told by film, lecture and in other ways, beginning with the day Eve first got the vote as a reward for the way in which she stood behind the man in the trenches.

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Among the organisations that will take you behind the scenes of it all will be the Over Thirty Association, National Union of Women Teachers, National Association of Women Civil Servants, New Health Club, National Institute for the Blind (children's section), Mothers' Union, Association of Women Clerks and Secretaries, British Social Hygiene Council, Health and Cleanliness Council, Women's Gas Council, Girl Guides, Women's Automobile Association, Salvation Army and Associated Countrywomen of the World.

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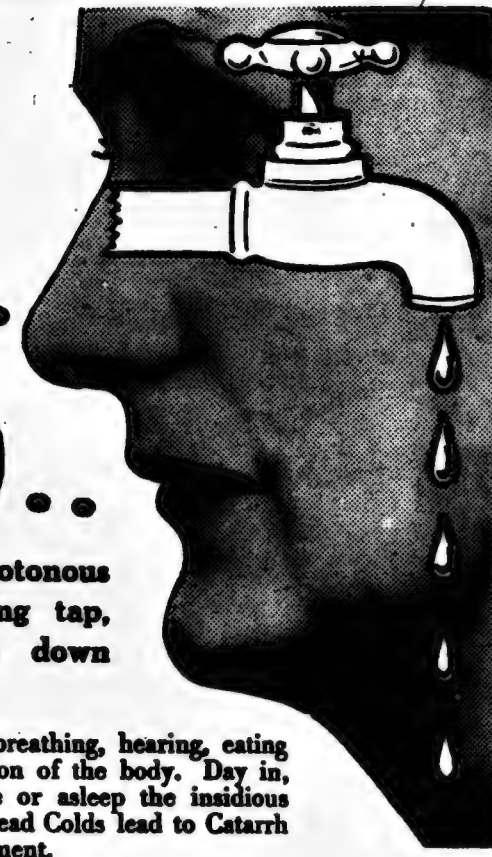
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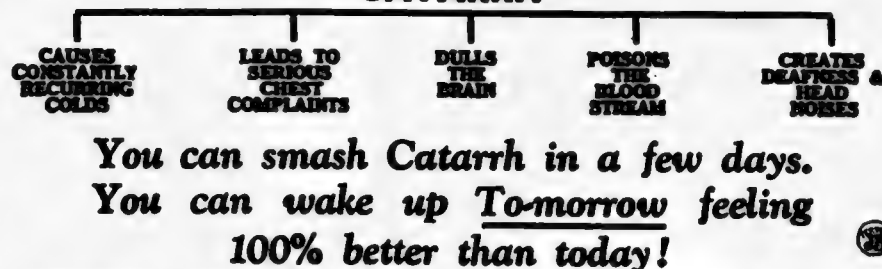


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Sir Wyndham Childs' Special Dossier

World's Worst Evangelist!

FATHER DIVINE, negro charlatan who calls himself God and rules like a king in Harlem, New York's coloured quarter, is planning to start a branch of his "Heaven" in England. Possible sites are at Enfield, Ashford, and Clapton, all in Middlesex.

They have already been inspected by several of Divine's closest associates, or "angels," who have visited London in the past few months to pave the way for the crusade in Britain.

They have been very discreet, but tremendously active, and before "Angel" John Roine, chief publicity manager, went back across the Atlantic he formed the British Divine Worship Group.

From its quiet, dignified headquarters in a large old private house in Denbigh Street, Victoria, S.W., this advance guard is gathering disciples.

Two of the most prominent are white women. Mrs. Joyce Newton, of Park View Court, Putney, S.W., newly returned from Harlem, has been telling shopkeepers how Father Divine can help them to make more money by applying religion to business.

She seems to have had a rollicking time in New York. She has described how she sat with the Negro at midnight banquets of fifty and sixty courses.

Everyone knows that Divine is fond of his food, but that is pretty good going even for him.

The other woman disciple is Mrs. Julia Hildreth Dodds, acting leader of a group. Meetings have been held at the Denbigh Street house and elsewhere, and more than 150 recruits have been secured so far.

PETITE, silver-haired and very charming, Mrs. Dodds is full of enthusiasm.

One of her chief helpers is a young Irishman named Albert Murray, who is staying in a London hotel.

Murray professes that he is a kind of human telephone for the reception of messages from Father Divine.

Without warning, he says, he is suddenly "thrown all out of gear" in a way he does not understand, except that he senses the "divine" leader wishes to communicate with him.

His nerves tingle, he feels sick, there is a twinge in his head and something seems to click.

Then, so he says, "God" in Harlem is in secret conclave with him!

Divine's followers over here, most of them coloured folk, visualise the "Heaven" they have been promised as a replica of the crazy establishment kept by this frenzied fanatic in a five-storey building in West 155th Street, New York.

On the ground floor is a dining-hall for hundreds of people, and above are the dormitories where the "angels" sleep, five or six in a room.

Away up on the top floor is the eight-roomed, luxury suite of Father Divine himself.

On either side are the apartments of "Faithful Mary," his wife and principal "angel," and John Lamb, personal guide and secretary.

But even this remarkable place is only a tiny corner of the vast organisation which has grown up round the curious cult of the self-appointed deity.

It controls stores, restaurants, farms,



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Father Divine—calls himself God and rules like a king

apartment houses, and other kinds of businesses, and it is believed that more than £3,000 pours into Father Divine's coffers every week.

Never in the world's history has any freak religion flung out such tentacles.

Thousands of coloured men, women and children, and white ones, too, have been swept into it.

FATHER DIVINE, for ever exclaiming "I am God, really am God," claims that he holds in his hands the destinies of more than 22,000,000 people, of all types, classes, creeds and colour, throughout the world.

So long as all this mass hysteria is confined to the United States it is no concern of mine, but when there is a serious intention to inflict it on this country I feel it is time to throw a little more light on the whole gigantic sham.

Sixtyish, short, stout and bald, Divine has nothing about him which is at all Godlike.

Most certainly not his appetite. For him just a light snack means sausages, pancakes, fried potatoes, six scrambled eggs, and a few pints of coffee.

Since he became "God Almighty" he has been able to indulge this human greed, but there was a time when he considered himself lucky to have even a couple of eggs and a cup of coffee.

That was about forty-five years ago when he was George Baker, trimming hedges and mowing lawns in Baltimore.

Half-a-crown a day was the most he earned then.



Mrs. Joyce Newton—she had a rollicking time in New York

though it seems, was receiving £200 a week from his followers.

The more nonsense he poured out at his meetings, the more frenzied became his listeners.

Often they squirmed and writhed on the floor as they listened to him—no wonder a number of his "angels" were committed to lunatic asylums.

Along the pavements in Harlem black men and women pranced and reeled, and gave themselves up to the wildest African dancing and singing.

When white people joined in the mad surge New York began to sit up and take notice.

By then Father Divine had established another of his kingdoms at Sayville, Long Island.

There white and coloured disciples visited him, eating, sleeping and worshipping at his house.

They disturbed the residents and "God" was prosecuted for causing a public nuisance.

In court Father Divine insisted that he had been divinely projected into existence and had no record of his life.

He was sentenced to a year in prison and £100 fine.

Three days later the judge, who was old and suffered from heart disease, died suddenly.

DISCIPLES loudly proclaimed that their "God" had struck the judge dead!

The verdict was quashed by the Brooklyn Supreme Court, and when Father Divine returned to New York thousands flocked to greet him.

Hysterical women flung their fur coats on the ground for him to walk on.

From then the movement has grown into the huge trading racket that brings in more than £3,000 a week and branch "heavens" have sprung up throughout the United States.

Divine even owns two newspapers.

But it hasn't been triumphant progress all the time. There have been setbacks, some quite serious, but always in some dexterous way the great hood-winker has managed to overcome them all.

Once, Harry Green, a white singer, was stabbed at one of his meetings.

Father Divine left suddenly and, when the police looked for him, his lawyer said he was probably communing with the spirits in "some distant heaven."

Detectives eventually found him crouching behind the furnace in his "heaven" at Milford, Connecticut.

That all blew over, too.

Lately he has kept the drums beating loudest about the way to convert England to his cult.

No one with a grain of common-sense would tolerate such balderdash for a moment. I should be very surprised if the authorities allowed Divine to even enter the country, let alone preach his crazy creed.

I should like to make it clear that the well-known Empire Day Movement has no connection with the "Empire Movement" recently exposed in these columns.

What's to
"John Bull"
About it

EVERY Sunday more and more coloured folk came to the large house he had taken and called his "heaven."

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When Chapman first went to Oldchurch County Hospital and the cancer diagnosis was made, only his wife was told.

She kept the news from her husband because she wanted to spare him added suffering.

On his return home Chapman decided to seek new advice, and tried to get admission to other hospitals.

As a matter of routine, his medical report was obtained, and that, not unnaturally, brought refusal. Few hospitals have room for incurable cases.

But Chapman, bedridden at home, was mystified. He still did not know of the sentence of death which had been passed on him.

He remained in ignorance of that sentence for three long years, until at last he made a direct appeal to Westminster Hospital and was given a bed.

It was only after a specialist had told him that he had never suffered from cancer that the bewildered Chapman learned the truth from his wife.

Now he is fighting to get redress, but everywhere he meets with difficulties.

The Medical Superintendent of Oldchurch County Hospital says he can do nothing because he took up his position after Chapman was discharged.

Later he stated that a doctor named by Chapman was no longer on the staff.

He was believed to be abroad, but his address was not known.

It seems a dreadful thing that this man cannot apparently obtain any compensation for all he has suffered.

MR. A. W. CHAPMAN is now a cripple



You have been Warned!

"EASY-MONEY" Guy Carless is still at work.

After my exposure of his exploits at Bournemouth, he has managed to dupe another man, in the same old way, at Southampton.

Unhappily, this last victim did not see my warning until he had parted with his money.

He imagined he was buying a partnership in the Southern Business and Property Exchange, of High Street, Southampton, for £150.

Now he finds he has been left to wrestle with all the liabilities—hire purchase instalments on furniture, angry clients who have paid deposits, and so on.

Carless knows what the inside of a jail is like. He'll find himself there again if he is not very careful.

UNDAUNTED by previous failures, William Stephen Moore is running another football contest and mail order business.

This time it is called the West London Sports Supply Association, of Dundonald Road, Wimbledon, London, S.W. Before that it was the British Wholesale Supply Association, which closed down with liabilities of more than £5,000. Clients and agents throughout the country were left with worthless vouchers.

Later, Moore and another man started up in Southampton under the name of S. Johnson and Co. That faded out, too.

Don't be His Partner

LESLIE RACKHAM, of Dexter Street, Liverpool, is a toy manufacturer who seems very anxious to share his "good fortune" with others.

At least two men, however, have realised to their cost that his ideas of sharing are rather odd.

He makes much of his mechanical game Wembley—"the greatest football game in the world."

I am far more interested in another little game of his at which he appears to be remarkably expert.

First move is an advertisement asking for "Active or sleeping partner for sound manufacturing business. Invest £150-£200. Yearly output contract."

An applicant calls. Then Mr. Rackham makes another move.

It involves an impressive scheme for the extension of his small factory and a contract with a local store to market the game he makes.

Next an agreement is signed.

After a few weeks, the investor realises that Mr. Rackham has collared most of his money.

One Liverpool man, who put up money, made an arrangement whereby Rackham was to draw £5-a-week and he was to draw £2-a-week until he could devote his whole time to the business.

Over a period of six weeks the partner drew £10—and then payments stopped.

Shortly afterwards another man joined in the game. He "invested" £150, and his experience was much the same.

Ten years ago, I find, this same manufacturer of toys was inducing people to invest £1 in an outfit for making tin soldiers.

He was playing the partnership game even then.

Many people bitterly regretted ever sending money to him.

Have nothing to do with Mr. Rackham.

Gaming Machines Scandal

EVERY year £100,000,000 in pennies, sixpences and shillings go click-into the slots of gaming machines in this country.

That is a turnover which any industry might envy.

When are we going to wake up to the fact that most of this money is obtained illegally?

Don't blame the police for failing to stamp out this form of unlawful gambling. They are as much in the dark as anyone.

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So jumbled are the laws, they have the greatest difficulty in deciding exactly which types of machines they can confiscate, especially when the designers have spent months evolving tiny modifications which bring machines just within the law.

This, no doubt, is responsible for the added puzzle which the police are now setting the public by the way they prosecute certain operators, yet leave others, who have similar machines, to carry on.

As week follows week the position becomes more and more chaotic.

One operator, Marcu Wechsler, who was fined at Deal and had his machines confiscated, raised the issue in court recently.

He had run the machines without interference for two years, and then was suddenly raided. He protested, and he declared there were machines similar to his own in the town.

When Wechsler's solicitor cross-examined a detective, he said that he had seen other machines being operated on Regatta Day.

Later, the solicitor said: "My contention is that you cannot carry on these games unless you occupy Corporation ground."

"It has nothing to do with the administration of the police at all. I leave it at that."

But I can take it a little further for the information of the authorities at this South coast resort.

One of my investigators has visited Deal pier.

There he saw three machines which he considers no more legal than those confiscated by order of the magistrates.

A metal ball is released by placing a penny in a slot. By pulling a lever and

releasing it quickly the ball is propelled round the face of the machine and ultimately falls into a winning or losing receptacle.

If it wins, the penny is returned and the ball again comes into play. More pennies can be won until the ball is lost.

More than that, he saw in an ice-cream bar in the town a machine identical with one of those which were seized.

On this machine odds up to twenty to one may be won.

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In a public-house my investigator also played on a machine that is little different from the well-known fruit machine, which has long been on the barred list.

No wonder the public is baffled.

They see machines, supposed to be illegal, collecting their haul in booths and fun fairs on ground leased by local authorities. They hear of clubs being raided and the same kind of machines being seized and smashed.

How long is this muddle to go on?

If Parliament considers that some of these mechanical games are legitimate amusement, then clear definitions must be made of the types which are to be permitted.

The rest must be banned rigorously.

Public Benefactor

Mr. J. C. Rhodes, of South Avenue, Manton, Notts, is awarded the guinea this week for "spotting" several small advertisements which had a dubious ring. He was right in each case!

LET



DO you believe in Democracy?

As a Briton, your answer must be "Yes!"

But do you use, as efficiently as you might, the powers of democracy—the powers handed down to you by your fathers, who won them after long and bitter struggle?

Next Tuesday, you and more than 12,000,000 other Britons who have the right to vote in the municipal election, can show what value you place on your freedom and powers under democracy.

Make that value a high one.

Because, for six years Germany and Italy have derided the nation in which only two out of every five have troubled to decide the character of their domestic government.

This apathy and slackness in the past has been presented to the Fascist peoples as evidence of the failure of democracy in its greatest stronghold.

The Fascists have been told that Britons have so little faith and pride in their democratic institutions that only a fraction of them show any interest in the control and management of their most important affairs.

So do not be resentful when you realise that the dictators regard your leaders as the representatives of a declining and irresponsible people.

Big Day

The blame for this misconception of the real vitality of British democracy lies with you.

Tuesday is your big day. You will be on test before the eyes of the world.

If, once again, you make it appear that you are listless or unconcerned, you will give the greatest encouragement yet to the forces of despotism in Europe.

Snow, gale or downpour—those of

you who live in the provincial boroughs of England, Wales and Scotland, must go to the polling stations.

YOUR CROSS ON A BALLOT PAPER WILL BE OF MORE IMPORTANCE THAN TWENTY SWASTIKAS FLOURISHED IN A NAZI PARADE ALONG BERLIN'S UNTER DEN LINDEN.

YOU MUST VOTE. NO MATTER FOR WHAT CAUSE OR CANDIDATE. BUT REMEMBER THAT WITH YOU RESTS THE FUTURE OF YOUR COUNTRY, YOUR PEACE, SAFETY, HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Beware of "red herrings" being drawn across the municipal trail by



BE YOUR ANSWER TO



squalor, and to give youth a real chance in life.

Action will bring prosperity. Inaction will bring new distress.

Throughout the country there is need for bold and well-planned expansion, wise expenditure on social services and on public works.

It is in the council chambers of towns and cities that this need will be satisfied or ignored.

In many ways, local government is no less important than Parliament itself. When it comes to matters which affect the health, comfort and decency of the people, it counts more than Parliament.

For every amenity refused by a local council, civilisation must put its clock back.

Spend!

So, in making your choice on Tuesday, be guided by this acid test:—

Are the candidates men and women who will create, or are they reactionaries? Will they spend wisely to provide work, or will they save to foster poverty and misery?

Your right to vote without fear or favour is derived from the fact that you and your 12,000,000 fellow men and women own plant and property worth at least £3,000,000,000. So don't hesitate.

To what causes will you be asked to give support?

Health will be one.

Do you realise that, among the insured population alone, 32,000,000 weeks of work are lost every year through illness? This is equivalent to having 650,000 people idle for twelve months.

What a picture of human misery and economic waste!

Yet John Bull knows that three-fifths of this great burden are due to causes which could easily be prevented.

Do you realise that 40 per cent. of the men who offer to enlist in the Regular and Territorial Armies are rejected on medical grounds? They are the victims of poor food, bad housing, poor clothing and a low standard of living.

Half the population exists on diets which are below the standard necessary to maintain health, and more than 11 per cent. of the children examined in schools suffer from malnutrition.

Local authorities can do immense work to alleviate this problem by expanding health services and providing a reasonable standard of public assistance.

But more than a third of them still refuse to give free meals for needy children.

Many more consider that the provision of milk for school children gives them the right to abolish free meals altogether.

Here's another good test. Ask yourself how far your local health services have been divorced from the old poor law system.

For ten years your council has had

political partisans who are trying to make A.R.P. the major issue at this election.

Give your votes to those candidates who will fight for A.R.P. to be made a State responsibility instead of a local charge.

Treat with suspicion those candidates who speak and act as if an Anglo-German war were inevitable.

Ask yourself if, when in power, they are likely to sacrifice the fitness and well-being of your family and neighbours for the sake of armaments and force.

You know quite well that Britain's surest shield is the morale of its people, and that peace will not be inspired by local councils who would weaken the nation by exchanging social services for military glorification.

Action

Have no doubt about it. Municipal policy is now a matter of life and death—nothing else.

The salvation of this country depends on the way its local authorities do their work.

So grasp with both hands this opportunity to give Britain cleaner towns, to remove hardship and

THE FACTS

Next Tuesday, elections take place for the provincial English borough and Scottish burgh councils.

Some 12,000,000 electors will choose their representatives for more than 400 municipalities.

As one-third of the councillors retire every year, there will be about 1,400 seats vacant in the 83 county boroughs, and nearly 2,000 in the 320 other urban areas, making a total of 3,400 seats to be filled.

There will be at least 4,500 candidates in the field, after 1,600 unopposed returns.

Property and social enterprises owned by the ratepayers of Britain have a value of £3,000,000,000.

Local authorities spend yearly £550,000,000, of which approximately one-third is raised by rates.



What You Get for 1s.5d. a week

Every child is entitled to an elementary education; you have the protection of the world's finest police forces; there is provision for the welfare of mothers and their babies; and your home and property is safeguarded against the peril of fire. But this is not enough. There is plenty of room for improvement and expansion in the essential services.

power to create a comprehensive service for the sick, infirm and aged, and for nursing and expectant mothers quite apart from poor relief. Has it done so? If not, drive it out of office.

Everyone with a vote ought to feel a sense of responsibility for maternal mortality.

For every 220 babies born one mother loses her life unnecessarily—a fact of which this country should be ashamed.

One out of every four deaths in childbirth is due to absence of antenatal care: one to lack of obstetric facilities and one to shortage of hospital or specialist treatment.

It is in your power to cut down this death-roll—by insisting that your town should have adequate provisions for motherhood.

Again, sixty out of every thousand babies are doomed to die—more than half of them in the first four weeks of life.

Why? Because there are not enough infant welfare centres, and those in existence are seriously overcrowded.

Medical officers are dismayed by the physical weakness and broken health of the children now entering school for the first time.

They know there is only one remedy—the provision of nursery schools, especially in areas where social and economic conditions do not allow children between two and five years of age to be properly cared for at home.

Get Busy

But they ask in vain.

These schools have, for their primary object, the physical, mental development of the children entrusted to them.

They carry out this object by frequent medical examinations, by providing nourishing and well-balanced meals, and by creating an environment favourable to sturdy growth.

The mother is liberated without her place being usurped.

No gap in the national health front is more serious than the lack of nursery schools.

In all Britain only 38 local authorities have nursery schools under their management. They should be counted in hundreds.

Rigorous overhaul of the elementary and secondary schools medical service is also necessary.

It is still so incomplete that, although seven out of ten children need dental care, only one-half of them can be given treatment.

A Bogy

However loud it is, close your ears on Tuesday to the cry of "Save the Rates," and disown the candidates who make it their slogan.

It is false—a bogy with which to deceive you.

If you allow yourself to be scared, you will pay dearly in the end.

Wise spending is the only true economy, and every penny that goes on social service creates additional assets for the nation.

Examine the following table and you will realise how cheaply citizens can surround themselves with the essentials of civilised life. It shows the cost to you in rates per week of the principal services:—

	Pence.
Elementary education	3½
Police	1½
Fire brigade	½
Housing	½
Collection and disposal of house refuse	½
Sewers and sewage disposal	1
Libraries and museums ...	½
Maternity and child welfare	½
Parks and open spaces	½
Poor relief	3½
Roads, streets, bridges and scavenging	4½
Street lighting	½
Total	1s. 5d.

If you want more evidence of the absurdity of the lower rates agita-

tion, you have it in the fact that an increase of twopence in the £ on rates involves a cost to the working-class household of less than a halfpenny per week!

You have first-hand evidence of the record of your council in the abolition of slums, the building of houses and the provision of facilities for recreation.

If it isn't good enough, you know what to do. See that those responsible do not get in again. Vote against them.

Place your trust in those candidates who are likely to get more houses built at low rents.

The nation is short of 3,000,000 good, clean, labour-saving houses.

We need them at the rate of at least 180,000 a year, but we are getting fewer than 80,000.

Better houses, too, are required—better from the point of view of the housewife who has to work in them.

End Slums

The latest survey shows that 1,500,000 houses are fit to be condemned, and 3,000,000 others are below the lowest modern standards.

Forty per cent. of the population is overcrowded.

Remember, you have the power to destroy the slums where disease is king and where young life is rotted.

Don't be misled by candidates who say that they are helpless because the Treasury housing grants are inadequate.

True, Parliament decides the building subsidy; but the local councils control the rate at which housing proceeds and at which the slums are exterminated.

Four-fifths of the town councils

of Britain are building at half the pace of which they are capable.

Again, it is a national calamity that the local authorities, with a few honourable exceptions, are not really attacking unemployment.

Instead, they are attacking employment—on a scale without precedent—by committing themselves to "economies" in the great services they manage.

The employment of fully a million men is in their hands.

So, when you vote, make sure that your candidate seeks to provide employment by the long-term planning of public works, by the use of direct labour, and by full restoration of the services that have been curtailed.

Make sure, also, that your candidate, man or woman, is likely to:

Guarantee adequate maintenance under P.A.C.:

Encourage the formation of a municipal bank to reduce loan and interest charges;

Hasten the provision of equal educational opportunities in secondary schools and universities to all children, rich or poor;

Build or transform schools into places of light, warmth and colour, with plenty of open air and open space;

Give you a municipal electricity supply of better quality and at much lower price than one provided privately.

Provide you with improved and cheaper transport facilities.

These are the reasons why every one of you should not let next Tuesday pass without going to the polling booths and fulfilling your brief and simple duty to yourself and your fellow-citizens.

Keep your city or town safe for democracy by helping to make Britain a happier, healthier and finer place in which to live.

These things will be done if only you will act, if only you will use your vote.

Yours is that ultimate and tremendous responsibility—to give or withhold sanction for the reshaping of Britain. Discharge it with devotion.

And, remember, any victory you win for progress will be a victory for democracy.

CLEFT STICK

MR. SMITH was so hideously worried that he began to find he was talking to himself in public. Standing in the saloon of the "White Horse," he caught sight of his reflection in the great plate-glass mirror behind the bar, and his lips moving distinctly. Worse, he heard his own voice.

He couldn't stand it any longer. He couldn't stand it. He turned towards the swing door. A man, sitting alone at a small table, smiled at him in a friendly way and said: "Excuse me, sir."

Smith stopped, and the man continued courteously: "I've seen you here for several days. That's a sort of introduction. Will you have one with me?"

"No, thanks," said Smith.

"Sure? Might be a sort of tonic, you know. Forgive me saying so, but you're looking rather run down. Nothing like a quick one when you're worried."

This was accompanied by another smile, so understanding and kindly. Smith felt an emotional gush of gratitude.

Thirty seconds later Smith found himself holding a whisky and soda.

"Worry," said the stranger, "is the very devil. I know, I know. I've been through a lot myself. And ninety-nine times out of a hundred money's at the back of it."

Smith could not repress a sudden, shrill breath.

The stranger laughed. "That's my experience. By the way, my name's Durrell."

He leaned over the table. There was an extraordinary quality of comfort in his manner. He began to talk quietly



The watchman raised his stick and went for Durrell

Short Story

about a bank clerk who became a bandit against his will

by
Dudley Hoys

and gradually Smith's reticence thawed. At last he blurted out:

"That's all very well. But money doesn't come out of the skies."

"You never know. Is that your problem, how to get some out of nowhere?"

It was so near the truth that panic made Smith want to shut up like an oyster.

Durrell touched his arm. "Come for a turn in the park opposite," he said sympathetically. "It's quiet there."

They went across and sat on a green bench beneath a tree. Smith's hands were twisting spasmodically. He saw Durrell's eyes watching him with a benign invitation, and he heard himself saying chokily:

"My name's Smith. I'm cashier at the local branch of the Metropolitan Bank."

Durrell nodded. He did not add that he was perfectly aware of it already.

Smith moistened his lips. "I'm a widower. My wife, poor soul, was ill for seven years. That took all my savings."

"I have one son. He's in the R.A.F., on the accounts side."

"He—borrowed money that didn't belong to him. Three hundred. It had to be found, or it would have meant a court-martial, prison. I sent him the money. I had to."

"Money belonging to your bank?"

Smith nodded miserably.

Durrell fondled his longish chin.

"Banks," he said, "are very wealthy concerns. What are a few thousands, more or less, to them? Why shouldn't you help yourself and bolt?"

Smith gasped, gave him one horrified stare through his gold spectacles, and jumped up.

DURRELL caught his sleeve. "No, you don't," he said, and the kindly face had become a hard mask. "Sit down."

"I tell you—I!"

"You've told me enough already. Want me to trot round to your manager and pass on your story? Sit down."

Smith obeyed.

"Now," said Durrell, "just answer my questions. How much in notes, from day to day, do you usually have at your branch?"

"I won't—"

"Better see your manager," said Durrell, getting up.

Smith moaned. "Fourteen to fifteen thousand."

"Um. Useful. Right, there are two ways of getting our hands on it. A raid by day or a proper job of it by night. In either case, I'll want your help."

"See this?" Durrell held out an ob-

ject that looked like a little leaden cigar.

"Inside there are two chambers of acid, with a lead barrier in between. The acids eat through. When they meet, a white-hot, silent flame burns like hell. I know."

"Found 'em useful in one or two cases of arson. They're timed for a certain period. This one's for twenty-four hours. Got a room set aside for stationery at your branch?"

"Yes," said Smith, convinced he was in the middle of some nightmare.

"Well," continued Durrell, "think how easy it would be to start a fire and grab the notes in the commotion."

Smith pulled himself together. He was breathing unevenly, but behind the spectacles his eyes were determined.

"**W**HATEVER I've done, I'm not going to be blackmailed into doing something worse."

"No? Think again. You've told me about your son. Easy to find out his initials. An anonymous note to the Air Force authorities, urging 'em to look into things—"

Durrell grinned.

"You devil!" said Smith hoarsely.

"Maybe. But a good-tempered devil if people do as they're told. I'll get that note written and left with a pal. If anything goes wrong, he'll post it."

His lips twisted in vicious amusement.

"Now, listen. A night attack on the safe would be a different story. I've got a plan..."

"I won't listen!" said Smith, springing up.

"Don't let me keep you from your work," said Durrell sardonically. "Run along like a good little banker. At nine to-night you'll see me at —"

He named a place.

"If you don't turn up, that letter to the R.A.F. will be posted. I'll be seeing you."

That night Smith kept his appointment.

From then onwards there was no escape. Within ten days he was the possessor of a faked passport, with his passage booked aboard a cargo boat leaving Tilbury the following Wednesday.

Durrell had decided on a night raid on the Tuesday.

"I'm clearing off on the Thursday," he said. "Got to shoot you out of the country first. You haven't the guts to face a day of waiting."

The Tuesday evening arrived. In an ugly, heart-stifling dream he met Durrell at the appointed spot. Durrell drew from his hip-pocket something short and gleaming dully. "That's yours," he said.

Smith gasped and drew back, his eyes wild.

"You fool!" snarled Durrell. "Take it. It isn't loaded. It'll give you a spot of confidence..."

He dropped the thing into Smith's side-pocket. "Ready?"

Smith shivered, and nodded.

A neighbouring clock was striking twelve as the two men came down the deserted main street and crossed to the bank.

"Get on with it," said Durrell under his breath.

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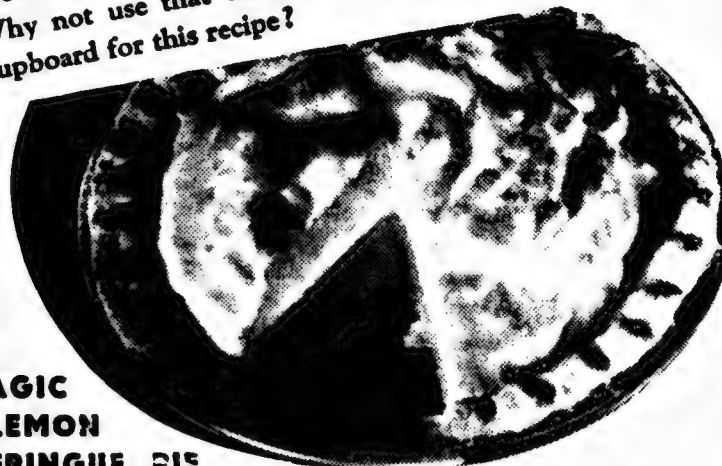
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Speed and accuracy of Answers in relation to the Clues form the standard of excellence by which entries will be judged, and all decisions will be based on the Answers of Competitors. This judging will be carried out under the supervision of an Adjudication Committee, consisting of the following:—The Editor of JOHN BULL; Doctor Laurence Abercrombie, M.D., B.A., M.A.; and Doctor G. E. M. Joad, M.A., D.Lit.

Each entry received will be carefully considered and the First Prize-winner will be the competitor who on one Entry Form has completed the Puzzle and has given what, in the opinion of the Adjudication Committee, is the best set of Answers to the Clues provided. And this set of Answers will constitute the winning Puzzle Square.

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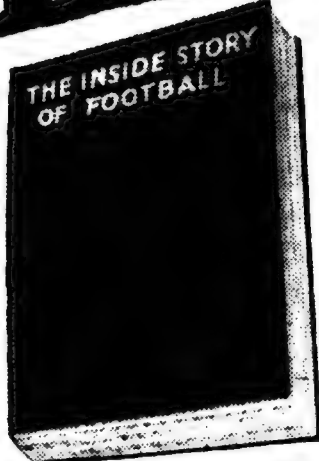
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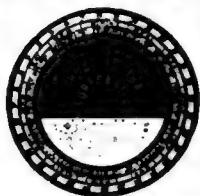
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CLEFT STICK

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Smith's hands hammered quietly on the thick, shining door. "Johnson," he called, "Johnson." It seemed to him his pulses were louder than his voice.

There were muffled sounds inside, the clicking of bolts being drawn back. The door opened to reveal Johnson, the night watchman, an elderly ex-soldier with a florid face and a white moustache. He stared at Smith in surprised recognition.

"Good evening, sir. What's up?" Everything had been so rehearsed, Smith spoke automatically.

"This is a friend of mine, Mr. Brown. We've been out on a late jaunt and were coming back this way. I happened to glance across, and I had a distinct impression of a man's legs vanishing through that side window on the first floor."

"Phew!" Johnson stiffened, listening alertly.

"I'll come along with you," said Smith, "and we'll have a look round."

"Thank you, sir."

Smith turned to Durrell. "You wait here in case anybody tries to bolt past. No," he added over his shoulder, following Johnson, "better still, wait outside. If anybody tries to get away through that window—"

"O.K.," said Durrell.

There was the sound of the door shutting. Actually, Durrell was still inside, crouching in the shadow. The footsteps of Johnson and Smith receded.

It was time for Durrell to change his position. He crept along and squeezed himself into a cubby hole already inspected by the searching pair.

JOHNSON and Smith came back, passing within a yard of him. Johnson was saying:

"Well, sir, I think you must have made a mistake."

"Yes, I'm sorry. But I had to make sure."

Like a shadow Durrell slithered out and down to the strong room.

"I'll just tell my friend Brown that he needn't wait," said Smith, with a shaky laugh. "He's got a wife. She'll be worrying about him."

He went up to the first-floor window, spoke to the imaginary Brown outside, and came down.

All he had to do now was to keep Johnson chatting for half an hour. That, Durrell had calculated, would give him time to open the safe and get clear through the side window.

Suddenly a slight but distinct sound reached him. Johnson grabbed up his stick.

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time, sir." Johnson's voice dropped to a whisper. "There, I heard it again!" Smith licked his hot, dry lips. Helpless to stop the night watchman, he followed him, crisis fuddling his wits.

They crept down to the strong room. There was the snap of an electric switch. A flood of light revealed Durrell crouching by the great steel door, which was open.

"Got yer!" cried Johnson, and his stick swung up.

Durrell's eyes glared significantly at Smith, and his hand tapped his pocket. He spoke urgently through his teeth.

"Use it! or—"

Smith sobbed out: "Stop that, Johnson!"

THE amazed Johnson turned to discover a revolver pointing at him. For a second he stared in shocked disbelief.

"You, sir."

Then he made a movement, and Smith's unsteady fingers, trying to tighten themselves into a semblance of control, unwittingly squeezed the trigger.

There was a booming crack, and Johnson collapsed, a red stream trickling from his right shoulder.

Smith stood paralysed. His lips were mumbling: "You said it wasn't loaded, you said it wasn't loaded!"

In a blurred, silly way he was aware of Durrell acting quickly. He saw him snatch up two sacks tightly packed with notes, felt Durrell's hand close on his arm and pull at him savagely.

But he did not begin to realise anything clearly until he found himself back in Durrell's lodgings, sitting on the bed and drinking brandy that was being poured down his throat.

Durrell laughed. "You've done it."

"You said it wasn't loaded!"

"You mug! Think I didn't reckon on the chance of that happening? Only, if it had got to be, I'd rather you did it than me. An inch or two to the left, and it might have been a hanging job."

Smith stared at him in loathing. "You actually—!"

"Oh, cut it out. He'll pull through."

Durrell emptied his sacks on the floor, and his sinewy fingers began to count out the neat packets. It was a long time before his triumphant voice announced the total.

"Fourteen thousand six hundred and thirty-one quid! Not so bad, my little banker," crowed Durrell.

He went across to a trunk in the corner of the bedroom. "My share is going in this. I'll stick it in the cloakroom at Victoria. Nothing like a public cloakroom for storing something valuable. In seven hours you'll be at sea."

He took out of the trunk a wooden box, and in it lay a row of small leaden cigars.

"I'd like to take 'em with me," he said regretfully. "Might be useful some day. You never know. But I won't risk it. They're harmless, of course, until you turn this little cap. But if the trunk got badly jolted in transit—"

HE shook his head, put the box on the dressing-table beside Smith, and added:

"I'll drop 'em in the river at Tilbury this morning. I'm coming to see you off and kiss you good-bye."

A dogged resignation had crept over Smith. He considered the little box of leaden cigars. He considered the packages of notes on the floor.

They were enough—almost—to cool down the fever of conscience.

"Let's divide up," he said.

"O.K.," said Durrell.

When he had counted out a thousand pounds, he pushed the pile across to Smith.

"Your share."

Smith looked up at him in slow puzzlement. "What do you mean?"

"What I say," Durrell laughed contemptuously. "You poor fool! Who supplied the brains? Who supplied the guts? Who did the work?"

For once in his life an animal savagery possessed Smith. But suddenly he realised that the revolver with which he had shot Johnson was now rigid in Durrell's hand.

Smith sank back on the bed.

Without another look at him, Durrell turned to the trunk, and began packing the notes while he hummed gaily to himself.

There was no more protest from Smith. He lit a cigarette and sucked at it mechanically. His eyes were focussed on the box of leaden cigars. . . .

The hours wore on.

"Time we were going," said Durrell.

A taxi took them to Liverpool Street. On the way Durrell stopped at Victoria and left his trunk.

The box of leaden cigars he kept cautiously hugged to himself, and at Tilbury he removed the lid preparatory to dropping them into the water.

"Funny," he said. "Only eleven here. Thought I had a dozen. Must have left one in the digs. No matter."

The lead cigars plopped quietly into the Thames.

"Well, Smithy, there's your ship. Expect you'll get a job across the water. Where you're going they're always ready to employ an Englishman—if he's honest."

Then Durrell walked off. Thirteen thousand pounds and the world were his, and to-day he would make guarded whoopee in London for the last time. He took a taxi to Victoria.

"Owe you threepence, don't I?" he asked the man at the left-luggage office.

The man glanced at the ticket, went to the piles of luggage at the back, and returned.

"D'you mind coming through, sir?" he asked. "Fact is, there's such a heap of stuff here, it might be quicker if you could identify your property."

"Rather unusual, eh?"

"It'll be quicker, sir."

"Right."

DURRELL went through, following the man round to the left. There, standing alone on the floor, was his own trunk, and at the sight of it he turned ashen.

Most of the lid and part of one side had been burnt clean away. Packets of charred Treasury notes were visible, some with their numbers still readable.

Out of nowhere loomed uniformed figures, barring the way.

"It seemed," the luggage man was saying, with frightful enjoyment, "to catch fire of its own accord, about one o'clock this morning."

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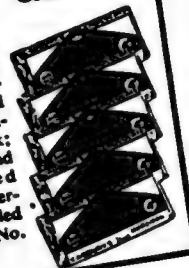


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The Scented KILLER

ALL murderers who kill in cold blood are vain. Their conceit will not let them believe they can ever be caught, or even found out.

Little Jean Pierre Vaquier, from the Basque country of France, certainly bears out this theory of mine.

He was the vainest killer I have ever met—and I have met more than two score.

Yet, apart from the fact that he drenched his hair and beard in violet scent and was constantly smoothing his kid gloves, he was quite a likeable fellow.

He certainly had charm.

Mrs. Mabel Jones, the wife of his victim, found that out to her cost.

He could talk intelligently and with humour. He possessed an inventive, imaginative mind.

But his vanity was his undoing. It led him to pose—after combing his beard, curling his moustaches, and brushing his hair—for newspaper photographers.

Without the publication of that photograph, the police might never have received the vital evidence of a London chemist which connected Vaquier with the purchase of strychnine which killed Alfred Poynter Jones, landlord of the Blue Anchor Hotel, West Byfleet, Surrey.

That photograph did more than anything else to cement the police case against the Frenchman.

From the moment that Superintendent Boshier, of the Surrey Police, was called to the "Blue Anchor" to investigate the death of landlord Jones, Vaquier was under suspicion.

So, incidentally, were other people at the hotel. They had to be included as



Vaquier—"he was the vainest killer I have ever met," says Stanley Bishop

"possibles" until the facts were sifted.

Vaquier made the position worse for himself by the frequency of his journeys to Woking to see the superintendent, and the variety of statements he made suggesting that certain other individuals might be guilty of the murder.

His vanity again.

He imagined he could easily deceive any English police officer, and he took the superintendent's readiness to listen as a sign that his influence was in the ascendant, and that he was directing him away from the right line.

This reasoning led Vaquier to accept the police invitation that he should change his quarters from the "Blue Anchor" to the Railway Hotel, Woking—just across the street from the Woking Police Station.

Of course, this was just a kind of "spider and fly" game. At the Railway Hotel, Vaquier was under constant observation.

He was even persuaded to leave his luggage at the police station, and to get a change or a clean collar he had to walk across the street.

It was at the Railway Hotel that I came to know and began to understand the conceited Frenchman.

I had met him before at the "Blue Anchor," but there the atmosphere was rather strained.

When Vaquier moved to the Railway Hotel, I and the other reporters working on the case followed after him.

WE had exhausted the possibilities of the "Blue Anchor" as a news source, and already guessed that Vaquier was the man whom the police were really watching.

Vaquier became the centre of our little community. And how he enjoyed it!

He was ready to talk—always about himself—to those who spoke a little French.

In other conversations he managed with a smattering of English which he had learned, and his inevitable French-English dictionary.

His fingers would fly through the

pages of the dictionary, finding the words he wanted. He was an adept in this method of making himself understood.

He told the story of his life, and his friendship with Mrs. Mabel Jones, the "Blue Anchor" widow, by his pocket dictionary.

With this same dictionary he had made love to Mrs. Jones when she was

staying alone at an hotel in Biarritz recovering from a breakdown.

Vaquier was then demonstrating a radio receiver at the hotel, and, attracted by the slim, pretty English brunette, deliberately laid siege to her heart.

She did not speak any French. He did not know English.

But apparently they managed to get along very well with the dictionary.

At least, Vaquier accomplished his purpose and became the lover of the Englishwoman.

Could anyone imagine a stranger intrigue?

MRS. JONES once told me: "I was terribly lonely at Biarritz. I didn't know a soul. I wanted a companion, and the little Frenchman was amusing. I thought I could handle him and I never imagined for a moment he would follow me home to England."

But that was just what the passionate Basque did. He travelled to London, telegraphed to Mrs. Jones, and met her for an evening's entertainment.

Then he turned up at the "Blue Anchor" and parked himself as an unwanted unpaying guest. He noted the casual matrimonial life of Mr. and Mrs. Jones and realised that Mr. Jones was a drunkard.

He believed that if Mr. Jones "died," his widow would have money, and he was fiercely jealous that the opportunities of Biarritz, Paris and London did not occur again at West Byfleet.

What he did not realise was that Mrs. Mabel Jones, the visitor to Biarritz, was an entirely different person from Mrs. Jones, landlady of the "Blue Anchor," who had a husband and two devoted children. Well, landlord Jones died

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suddenly and in great agony one morning after taking a dose of salts in his own bar parlour.

That daily habit was well known to Vaquier, and he had easy access to the bottle.

I have not the slightest doubt that Vaquier believed he was doing a great favour to Mrs. Jones by killing her husband. He was convinced that he was removing an obstruction to romance and a free life.

And he could not understand it at all when, after the death, he was regarded with suspicion and aversion by the whole household of the "Blue Anchor."

Long before the tragedy, Vaquier had become a thorough nuisance to Mrs. Jones. She wished she had never set eyes upon him or his pocket dictionary. She admitted it all to me.

Vaquier was outraged, and he was still in that mood of resentment and surprise when he transferred to the Railway Hotel, Woking, and we lived under the same roof.

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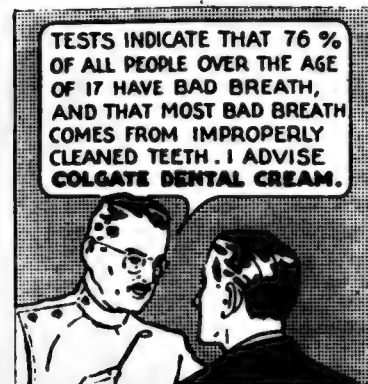
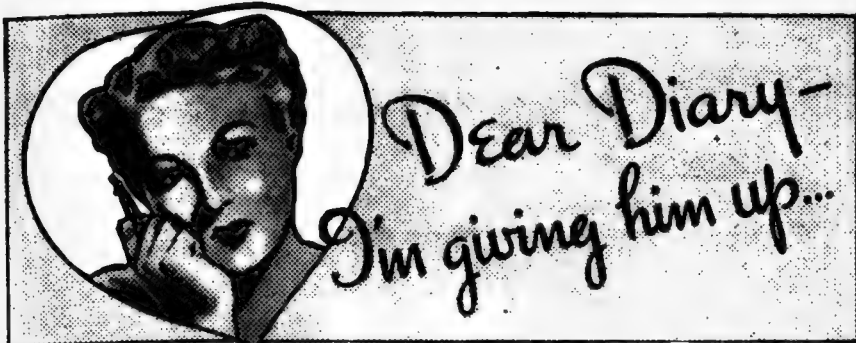
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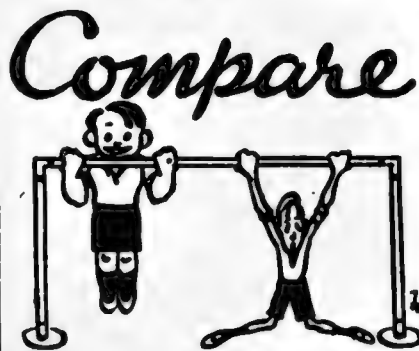
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The Shining Path

WHEN we look back over the events of the past few months, we must be acutely conscious of the intimate relations in which we live.

We have seen smashed to smithereens the silly idea that it doesn't matter what "we" do. We have seen shattered to fragments the equally nonsensical idea that what "they" do doesn't affect us.

We have been forced to realise that what anyone does vitally affects everybody.

Thoughts and ideas are a subtle medicine—or a subtle poison. They are contagious to a degree. They spread like an epidemic. There is no one who can claim to be immune.

And we are all individual transmitting stations. Consciously, or unconsciously, we are influencing others. We should do well to realise that, and order ourselves accordingly.

We can spread hope or we can spread despair. We can help others to realise their powers, or we can crush them into apathy.

Every single individual carries this terrific responsibility with him every day. You can't escape it.

"No man," wrote someone, "ought to be guilty of the unspeakable fault of needlessly crushing out the high hopes of any brother man."

"Life and life's work for any of us require courage, and to take away any man's mettle for the struggle and the task and give him doubts and hesitation and distrust instead, is to be guilty of a hideous crime."

"To inspire a hope in a man, hope for himself, for his friends, for the future of goodness, is to do one of the best things you can possibly do for him."

Let us leave it at that. No one can force anyone else to do his duty. But the light shines bright along the path, and anyone who will, can find his way.

Surrey Assizes at Guildford, before Mr. Justice Ivory.

It was one of the last notable trials in a court which was a disgrace to any English county—particularly to a wealthy county like Surrey.

Normally the court room was a public hall in which dances, whist drives and meetings were held.

It adjoined the local theatre, and My Lord the King's Justice of Assize had to use an entrance where a sign pointed "To the saloon bar."

The judge had his bench on a platform from which concert artists sang to local audiences. All the equipment of the court was makeshift, even the dock.

WHY, if a prisoner leant heavily against it, the whole contraption would sway.

In those days the publication of court photographs was not actually prohibited by law, but there was a ban on taking photographs or making sketches in court.

It was summer and the court was hot and oppressive. So for ventilation, the skylights in the roof and above the dock were kept wide open.

A cameraman from a London agency saw in the skylights his great chance.

By way of the theatre, he climbed to the roof of the court, leaned through the skylight and focused his camera on Vaquier, who was sitting in the dock between two warders.

Just as he took his picture the photographer was seen by Mr. Justice Ivory. Immediately instructions were given to the police, and a few minutes later half a dozen constables were scrambling and clattering over the roof, trying to capture the photographer.

But he was too quick for them.

After being chased over two other roofs he crawled into an empty office and lay hidden for several hours until the coast was clear.

I tell this story just to show what could happen at that comic opera court.

As the Vaquier trial concerned murder by poison, the Crown case was led by the Attorney-General—then Sir Patrick



Hastings—who was assisted by Sir Edward Marshall Hall.

Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, K.C., with Mr. A. B. Lucy, appeared for the defence. Two other counsel held a watching brief for Mrs. Mabel Jones.

Every scrap of evidence had, of course, to be interpreted to the Frenchman.

The chief human interest of the case centred about Mrs. Mabel Jones, the tragic widow. Hers was a terrible ordeal. For she had not only to tell the story of her intrigue with Vaquier, but to face the most searching cross-examination.

SHE bore up bravely.

Vaquier was completely self-possessed. He postured and posed, bowed elaborately to the judge.

To him the day and a half spent in the witness-box was a delight, and returning to the dock—after he had been thoroughly turned inside out by the skill of Sir Patrick Hastings—he said to the interpreter, "I have made a good performance. I have impressed them all by my truthfulness. I could see it in their faces. The good judge knows now the truth."

And Vaquier's "truth" was just this. He tried to pin the poisoning on others who frequented the "Blue Anchor."

He admitted buying the poison, but said he did so at the request of a solicitor who was adviser and friend to Mrs. Jones.

Speeches of counsel and the judge's summing up were not translated to Vaquier. From the ending of the evidence he did not know what was happening around him.

Nobody in court doubted the verdict of the jury—that is, nobody save the man to whom the verdict meant everything.

When the jury came back, and the verdict of "guilty" was told him, Vaquier could not understand it.

For a moment he was stunned, and then, as realisation came, he was a changed man.

He tore at his beard and began to scream words in French: "I swear on the graves of my father and mother, still fresh, that I am innocent."

He was mouthing and crying while sentence of death was delivered, and he cried still louder, stormed more violently as the sentence was slowly interpreted.

"You have given an iniquitous verdict—" he raved. Then came the ice cold voice of the judge, "Let him be removed."

When the Court of Criminal Appeal dismissed Vaquier's plea, he made the same unpleasant scene of useless struggle. He fought and he kicked until overpowered.

And just before he was hanged he shouted, "Vive la France!"

LONG after I had a sequel to this trial.

A man I knew came and said that Mrs. Mabel Jones had died, and, on her deathbed, had made a statement about the murder of her husband.

Tracing this story, I found that a number of people were ready to confirm it—with hearsay.

There was, however, no first-hand testimony, and in the end I discovered the truth.

Far from being dead, Mrs. Mabel Jones was alive and well. Under another name she was carrying on a successful tea-shop, within five minutes of Piccadilly Circus.

I went to the place to see her. And the first thing she said was:

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EARLY in September, I received a tragic letter about a girl of nineteen who had come to London to work and had gone astray.

She arrived with the best of motives. She wanted to help the people at home who were having a tough struggle to make ends meet.

She began splendidly, wrote home every week, and often sent a little money as well.

What happened next one can only guess. She must have got into the wrong sort of company and been carried away by the glamour of the big city. At any rate her letters ceased, and so did the money.

A neighbour wrote to her landlady for news and was told that she was living "fast and loose."

And So a Girl Was Saved...

She had left her job. A little later she had disappeared.

But, fortunately, her mother could not read, and the neighbour "invented" letters to save the mother's suffering. He was worried because he was telling lies!

Readers will remember that I told the story on my page on September 10. I wrote:

"One hopes that the girl will

give up the sort of life she is leading and go back to honest work. That she will once more write to her mother and make an occasional contribution to the family purse. Her lapse may be forgiven and forgotten. It is not yet too late.

"If she does not retrieve herself quickly the truth must be told and her mother will be fran-

tic with grief. Perhaps the girl may read this and decide to do the right thing."

Now I don't mind admitting that this appeal was a shot in the dark.

The chance of my words finding the one girl in a city of eight million people was very small.

The sequel was a message of sincere gratitude from the writer of the letter. I know that readers will share my joy in learning that the girl has taken my advice and is now back in honest work.

Had the letter not been written, or had the appeal not reached her so quickly, the story might have ended in tragedy both for herself and for her family.

Honour Thy Father

I HAVE had quite a batch of letters recently about the duties of men and women towards their parents—a subject which requires delicate and tactful handling.

Time after time I have read this kind of argument: "I did not ask to be born. I was not consulted about the matter! My parents brought me into the world to please themselves and they are responsible. I really don't see why I am bound to support them."

The easy and obvious reply is to quote the Fifth Commandment: "Honour thy father and thy mother."

But that is no answer to the argument. Let's try an illustration instead. Some years ago, when I was swim-

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ming, I was seized with cramp and was in danger of drowning.

A young man saw my plight and came to my rescue. He saved my life.

Did I thank him? Of course I did. But suppose I had argued in this strain: "I didn't ask that young man to risk his life for me. He did it to please himself. He probably enjoyed doing it, and he certainly enjoyed the applause of the people who witnessed his action."

"He did not stop to think. There wasn't time for thinking. He acted at once. He obeyed some deep instinct to save life, and thousands of others would have done the same. Why should I thank him?"

It seems to me that the bringing of children into the world is rather like that. There is a deep human instinct to procreate; otherwise the race would have disappeared ages ago. There is satisfaction in bringing up a family which is its own reward.

It means hard work, self-sacrifice, and anxiety; but it is worth it. If existence is one continuous misery a man might do like Job and curse the day he was born. But few of us feel that way.

True, it isn't all fun being here—not by a long chalk—but I wouldn't like to have missed the experience.

WELL, that is how I feel about the problem. Now for a few letters from my readers. One man writes:—

"My father has been a coal miner since he was 13, and is now nearly 60—47 years of hard work.

"The time has come when he finds it difficult to carry on, but if he gave up work he would have no income.

"I have three married sisters, all comfortably off, a brother in the R.A.F., and three other brothers living at home. The three at home don't earn more than 30s. between them.

"But I would like the married sisters, the other brother, and myself to contribute 2s. 6d. a week each to enable father to give up work.

"My fear is that the others would pay for a month or two and then drop out. Can anything be done to force them to pay?"

This reader's thoughtfulness for his father is to be admired. It does him credit, and I hope his plan will succeed. The best thing I can suggest is a family conference.

But it is not possible to "force" the payments. If the father gives up work and applies for relief the case will be investigated and the sons will be ordered to find a regular weekly

sum in accordance with their ability to pay.

Married daughters, however, are not required to pay unless they are earning money independently of their husbands.

But if they are comfortably off they should be only too ready to lend a hand.

AND now a woman writes:— "My father, a widower, claimed relief from the Public Assistance, and they ordered me to contribute 1s. a week to his upkeep.

"I was able to manage this while my sister and her family were living with me, but when they left I informed the P.A.C. that I was unable to continue.

"I have two married brothers and two married sisters, but they do not pay anything. I am compelled to work to keep our home together. Am I legally bound to pay the shilling a week because I go to work?"

"Yes"—but since circumstances have changed this daughter can appeal.

If other members of the family pay nothing it can only mean that they cannot do it. Married sons are not excused without an excellent reason.

THE last letter I will quote comes from a man who asks how much a single son or daughter, living away from home, should contribute to parents.

This is rather like a sum without any figures. The answer depends upon the circumstances of the parents, the wages of the son (or daughter), and several other things.

But the same writer goes on: "My parents are not in need. Father earns good wages, and whatever money is sent is squandered on drink."

"Would I be callous if I stopped sending any more of my hard-earned wages?"

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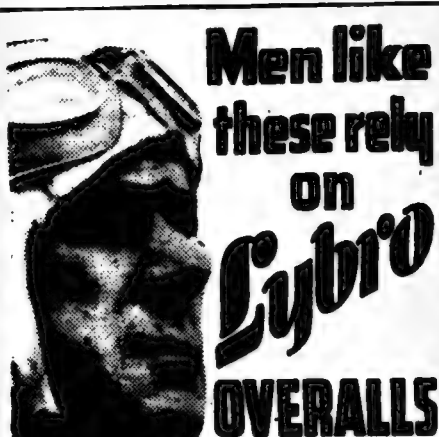


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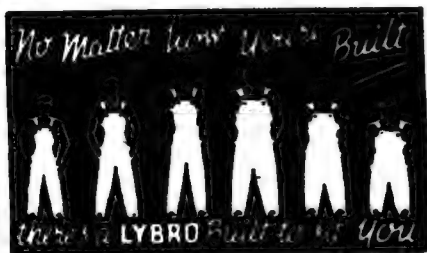
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But heard at night in the heart of the jungle they conjure up all the horrors of a heathen hell.

Our task was to raid a native compound, deep in the bush, where it was suspected that a notorious witch-doctor, Akinloye, was fomenting unrest among the natives.

My friend, Jimmy Thorburn, the local Police Commissioner, had invited me along to join in the "fun."

At least, that is what he called being miles from civilisation and, as far as I could see, at the mercy of maddened savages.

As we wormed our way forward,

Jimmy turned and smiled.

"Scared, David?" he asked.

"Excited," I lied, trying to hide my fear.

"Nothing in it," he whispered scornfully.

"If they should see us, they'll bolt all over the landscape. But I must catch that witch-doctor devil if I can. There are ugly stories going round about him. . . . Human sac. . . ."

Somehow, I was glad that the drumming, which was more frenzied than ever, had drowned out that last word.

Just then I would have given the world for a glance of the red tarbouches and blue uniforms of Jimmy's native police. But we were alone—alone in a jungle throbbing with a hideous rhythm that set every nerve in your body on edge.

We skirted an immense palm and crept round the gaunt, grey bole of a tree, the leaves of which made a black tracery against the moonlit sky.

Straight ahead was the ju-ju compound, a wall of earth above which rose the roofs of mud huts. Jimmy nudged me.

"There's a sentry over by that corner," he muttered. "Follow me."

I saw the man squatting on his haunches. He was a gigantic negro and he had a kind of chopper lying across his knees.

WE reached the wall without discovery, and Jimmy cut notches in it to give us a foothold. Up we went.

Fully a hundred negroes, their skins gleaming with sweat, packed the compound. They were swaying to the beat of the drums.

At the other end of the compound, between two palms, stood a fantastic altar, built of empty bottles, on top of which were a number of human skulls and a large iron pot that belched smoke and fire.

The flames showed up the ghastly figure of Akinloye, the wizard.

He was tall, old and skinny, with a

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The first two points are pardonable—winning jockeys always look good, and winners have to be well trained. But the pedigree comment is just tosh.

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All racehorses are aristocrats on breeding, but, like the human blue-blood species, they don't all turn out to be champions.

Panorama, best of the season, is by Sir Cosmo, who was a flier over five furlongs; but, in my opinion, he hasn't a chance in next year's Derby.

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hideous mask covering his head and face. He threw something into the pot. There was a sudden blaze and acrid fumes filled the air.

Amid shrieks and fierce yells, he raised his arms and struck a pose that made him look like an avenging demon. Louder still thundered the drums, faster the dance of the now-frenzied negroes.

Akinloye held a living fowl at arm's length. The drums rose to a crescendo and then stopped abruptly.

The silence was such that I could hear the chirping of crickets, the rustle of the palms.

Akinloye's knife flashed, the head of the cockerel flopped to the ground, and drop by drop the warm blood from its carcase dripped into the pot.

"Act one, scene one!" I heard Jimmy mutter ironically.

Then he did a queer thing. He raised the muzzle of his revolver and pointed it at the moon.

Suddenly he called out a command in the native dialect.

Every face in the compound was turned towards us. I shall never forget those staring eyes. . . .

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firing two shots into the air, and then swung his legs over the wall and prepared to drop.

"You wait here," he said calmly. "I am going over to arrest that witch-doctor."

To me it seemed he was tempting Providence. Surely it was death to venture among the bloodthirsty mob in the compound.

Even as he spoke I saw a flash and heard the clang of a throwing-knife as it struck the wall only a few inches below him.

Jimmy trained his revolver on the witch-doctor, and spoke to me over his shoulder.

"**C**UT and run for it," he ordered. "These niggers mean business."

Get away before they cut your liver out!"

"But you?" I cried.

"I'm all right."

With that he jumped down into the compound.

There was a tremendous uproar, and I dropped from the wall as the first native clawed at me.

Blindly I dashed into the bush and found a path, sprinting for all my life was worth.

After a while some of my pursuers fell away, and I turned to look over my shoulder.

I was alone! Not quite!

From behind the thick creepers and close to me—so close that I could hear his panting breath, was the huge negro sentry swinging his chopper. Clearly, he meant to cut me down as if I were a twig in his path.

Desperately I floundered along, but my foot caught the root of a tree and I fell heavily.

As I lay exhausted I expected to feel the cold steel bite into my flesh. I knew that my last few seconds in this world were fleeting away.

But nothing happened.

Dimly I heard confused shouts, and then I was being helped on my feet by men in red tarbouches and blue uniforms with brass buttons. Jimmy Thorburn's policemen. I was saved!

SOON afterwards Jimmy came towards me.

Behind him was the witch-doctor, Akinloye, still wearing his barbaric costume, but securely handcuffed.

The rest of the negroes had bolted.

"That's that!" said Jimmy cheerfully. "And I will lay you odds that there will be no more witch-doctoring at Bondokara!"

"But your men!" I cried. "The police—"

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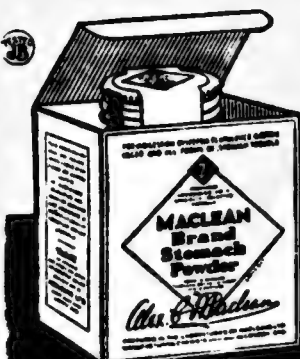
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HERE is a system for 12-match pools which requires nine columns only and is really worth trying.

Start by arranging the 12 matches in their Home Strength Order as given by Pooler.

Mark four draws in each column as shown in the specimen entry below.

This allows for one draw in each group of three matches, and, if this happens, these markings will give you at least three correct in one column.

Now consider each match, and decide whether a home win or an away win is the more likely result (ignoring the possibility of a draw, which is already provided for).

For the matches in which a home win is expected, fill in the six blanks with one of the following sets of marking, using each set in turn:

- A. 1 1 2 1 1 2
- B. 1 2 1 1 2 1
- C. 2 1 1 2 1 1

For the likely aways, fill in the blanks with one of the following sets (again using each set in turn):

- D. 1 2 2 1 2 2
- E. 2 2 1 2 2 1
- F. 2 1 2 2 1 2

The following specimen entry should make this clear. I have assumed that the first six matches in the Home Strength Order are taken as the likely homes and the remainder as likely aways for the purposes of illustration.

The letters at the side show how the above markings should be used in turn. Home Strength Order.

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| 1. | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | x | x | x | A. |
| 2. | 1 | 2 | 1 | x | x | x | 1 | 2 | 1 | B. |
| 3. | x | x | x | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | C. |
| 4. | 1 | 1 | x | 2 | 1 | x | 1 | 2 | x | A. |
| 5. | 1 | x | 2 | 1 | x | 1 | 2 | x | 1 | B. |
| 6. | x | 2 | 1 | x | 1 | 2 | x | 1 | 1 | C. |
| 7. | x | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | x | 2 | x | 2 | D. |
| 8. | 2 | x | 2 | x | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | x | E. |
| 9. | 2 | 1 | x | 2 | x | 2 | x | 1 | 2 | F. |
| 10. | x | 1 | 2 | 2 | x | 1 | 2 | 2 | x | D. |
| 11. | 2 | x | 2 | 1 | 2 | x | x | 2 | 1 | E. |
| 12. | 2 | 1 | x | x | 2 | 2 | 1 | x | 2 | F. |

SYSTEM . . .

● This is your page—say what you like, ask what you want to know about your winter hobby. If a problem to be solved or an opinion to express concerning football pools, write to "Pooler," Pools Parliament, 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

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—G. B. Y., Finedon, Northants, who receives half a guinea for the foregoing letter.

I have checked this against one of the 12-match pools for last season. In two weeks out of three the draw markings did cover those matches which actually resulted in draws, and that is good going. Four draws in 12 games is above the average, but for a points pool this is not a bad feature, as it tends to save points.

This is a very neat system with reasonable chances for a small stake. If required, the entry could be extended by repeating the draw markings in further sets of nine lines and varying the arrangement of the 1-2 forecasts.

Two Out of Three

Recently you gave the markings to guarantee three correct out of four matches in nine lines. Is there a similar marking for two out of three, please?—J. S., Woking.

Five lines are required to ensure at least two correct results out of three matches. Here is one of the several arrangements which do it:

- 1 1 x x 2
- 1 x 1 x 2
- 2 1 1 2 x

Economy Pools

I do the eight-match points pool, using four bankers. Can you tell me the best way to arrange two-way forecasts for the other four games, using eight lines?—"Grateful," Wargrave.

The following eight lines will ensure two columns with three correct and an even chance of all four correct, provided your two-way forecasts (shown as "a" and "b" in the table) cover the actual results in each case:—

- a a b b a a b b
- a b a b a b a b
- a b a b a b a b
- a b a b a b a b

Graded Guide by "Pcolex" (copyright)

Below are the games to be played on Saturday, October 29, not in the customary categories of League Divisions, but specially arranged to form a Graded Guide to the likely results of these matches. Six performances of each team have been assessed by awarding points for each performance on its merits.

Thus the likeliest Home Winners to choose from are at the top of the list. To pick likely Away Winners make your choice from those at the end.

Points in Favour of Home Teams.

- 67 Liverpool v. Huddersfield
- 62 Rangers v. Raith R.
- 58 Stockport v. Darlington
- 55 Stoke v. Grimsby
- 54 Celtic v. Third Lanark
- 53 Dumbarton v. Dundee
- 52 Bolton v. Arsenal
- 51 Charlton v. Brentford
- 44 Aberdeen v. Clyde
- 42 Reading v. Clapton O.
- 41 St. Bernard's v. Morton
- 40 Southampton v. Tranmere
- 36 Hibernian v. St. Johnstone

Points in Favour of Away Teams.

- Dundee U. v. Stenhouse.
- Accrington v. Carlisle
- Birmingham v. Aston V.
- Exeter v. Port Vale
- Luton v. Blackburn
- Forfar v. Edinburgh
- Southend v. Watford
- Aldrie v. Alloa

- 35 Hull v. Gateshead
- 34 W. Bromwich v. Man. C.
- 33 N. Brighton v. Rotherham
- 29 E. Fife v. Cowdenbeath
- 25 Barrow v. Rochdale
- 27 Notts P. v. Swansea
- 26 King's Park v. Montrose
- 25 Leeds v. Portsmouth
- 24 Middlesbrough v. Wolves
- 23 Chester v. York
- 19 Hamilton v. Albion R.
- 18 Falkirk v. Arbroath
- 14 Brighton v. Northampton

- 13 Bournemouth v. Notts O.
- 12 Tottenham v. West Ham
- 11 Mansfield v. Bristol O.
- 10 Bradford C. v. Wrexham
- 9 Sheffield U. v. Sheffield W.
- 8 Lincoln v. Hartlepool
- 7 Burnley v. Bury
- 6 Ayr v. Partick
- 5 Brechin v. Leith
- 4 Barnsley v. Crewe
- 3 Norwich v. Millwall
- 2 Coventry v. Chesterfield
- 1 Newcastle v. Bradford

- Cardiff v. Swindon
- Dunfermline v. E. Stirling
- Leicester v. Everton
- Halifax v. Doncaster
- Bristol R. v. Newport
- Ipawich v. Torquay
- Queen's Park v. Hearts
- Walsall v. Aldershot

wrong to spend any more on pools than you would on any other hobby.

As for a method, I recommend the special penny pool entries which I publish in the "Sporting Life Weekly Edition," price 2d. every Saturday. The stake required for these is from 1s. to 2s. 6d., at the punter's choice.

System for Four-Aways

Here is my system for four aways, which shows a profit nearly every season.

Using the League tables, consider the opponents of any of the last six clubs in the League table who are playing at home. The visiting club which has scored most goals in away games only, becomes the choice as an away winner.

One chosen from each League gives five matches for permutation in five lines.—A. J. W., Gloucester.

Remember that, as the season grows older, the League tables cease to represent current form. As a possible improvement, I suggest making up your own League tables from the last six or eight matches played by each club, and then apply your method of selection. Why not try this variation out on paper, and compare results with your present method?

Calculations Corner

What is the largest number of selections I can use in the three-draws pool combined with an entry of not more than 40 lines to give a correct line if any three selections are correct?

Also, what is the limit for four aways?—L. R. B., Leigh-on-Sea.

The nearest entry would be the possible arrangements of three draws chosen from seven selections. This requires 35 lines. The figures for the four-aways pool are the same.

Small investors in the pools will find useful information in *Sporting Life Weekly*, which publishes every Saturday special penny entries designed by "Pooler." This is one of the many useful features.

Ambitious

I was interested in a table you gave to guarantee three correct out of four matches. Could you give me a similar table to make sure of at least 11 correct in a 12-match pool?—H. T., Stoke-on-Trent.

It would be very nice, wouldn't it? But it isn't practicable. I have never worked the table out, because I know it would require over 20,000 lines!

Mathematics

To assess current form, I suggest the following method.

Instead of using the League tables, make up your own table each week by taking the last eight matches only for each team and allotting points as below:—

- Away win .. 20 points.
- Home win .. 12 "
- Away draw .. 8 "
- Home draw .. 4 "
- Away loss .. 2 "
- Home loss .. 0 "

All home teams with 5 or more points better than opponents are home selections.

Away teams with 15 or more points better than home teams are indicated as away winners.—J. L., Leeds.

The idea has possibilities, but I have not checked up on it. Perhaps some public-spirited pool fan would like to undertake the task.

If the system gives too many home winners, as I think it might, compare the selections with the "Graded Guide" to eliminate the doubtful matches.

What Shall I Spend?

What is your idea of a reasonable amount to invest in the penny points pool? People have such different ideas on this subject.

Also, could you suggest a system for me, please?—W. H. L., Birmingham.

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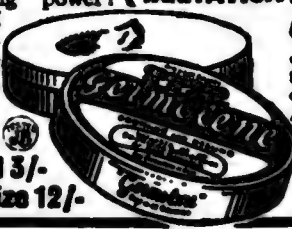
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| <p>1. Little ones about the place will brighten party</p> <p>4. May help sonny to stick stamps in his album</p> <p>7. Often to be seen on sleeve of coat</p> <p>8. May have to be pulled up sharply on occasions</p> <p>9. Slippery fish</p> | <p>12. You would expect one to shrink a bit</p> <p>15. Lubricate</p> <p>17. Housewife doesn't expect her cook to do this</p> <p>20. Is sometimes cut</p> <p>21. This of mink is hardly cheap as a rule</p> <p>22. Is frequently rather careless</p> <p>23. Man sometimes does this through rough deal</p> |
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DOWN CLUES

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| <p>1. With this, it's sometimes job to make ends meet</p> <p>2. Downpour makes it most unpleasant for weary troops out on this</p> <p>3. One often dodges</p> <p>5. Employ</p> <p>6. When you've had thunder it often turns this</p> <p>10. One doesn't expect good mountain climbers to be beaten by</p> | <p>11. If hubby's excuse is this, wife is likely to be suspicious</p> <p>12. Long narrow snow-shoe</p> <p>13. Modern furniture is frequently made in</p> <p>14. When invalid is depressed it's difficult to choose suitable one</p> <p>16. May be a bit of a rambler</p> <p>18. They're often like dolls</p> <p>19. Usually makes raids in the night</p> |
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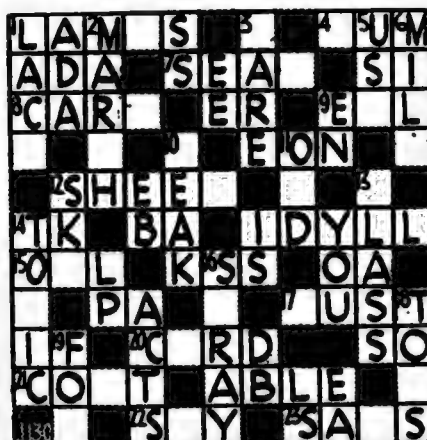
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DORIS (London, W.).—"The majority of my men friends are easily led by the nose." What sort of a perfume do you use?

F. H. (Elstree).—"I am now working on a film which will teach everybody how to keep fit." The picture of health?

F. K. (Hitchin).—"Christmas is getting nearer every day." There! We knew that would leak out before long.

BETTY (Frome).—"I tried to explain to my stern parent that I should be twenty-one only once." But did you tell him for how long?

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Miss B. (Rochester).—"The car went on without stopping, but I wrote down its number on my handbag with my lipstick." You may be accused of making it up.

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P. J. (Ealing).—"Although I am now the head of a large firm, I was once a traveller in perambulators." So were most of us.

T. R. (Kettering).—"Bagpipe-playing helps to relieve persistent asthma." And cotton-wool helps to relieve persistent bagpipe-playing.

R. N. (Bexhill).—"There are many people who are unconscious humorists." And it probably serves them right for going too far.

D. K. (Crewe).—"Is your neighbour a chronic borrower, too?" Well, we certainly feel more at home in his house than we do in our own.

G. M. (Yarmouth).—"I do not believe in beating about the bush." But there's always the chance that one day you may take up golf.

GOSSIP WRITER (Fleet Street).—"A gossip writer must know everybody and everything." The first qualification takes time, but the second, of course, is born in him.

B. N. (Bath).—"I am to be married shortly to a girl who can speak eight languages." Still, you have the consolation of knowing that she will be able to use only one at a time.

Mr. K. (Harrow).—"When I get hold of a really good book I lie back in a comfortable armchair and quietly read it right through." Yes, but you may not always be a bachelor.

TOM (Witham).—"I have a very wide acquaintance." Why doesn't she slim?

P. L. (Morecambe).—"Will bustles come to the fore again?" They were never worn there.

N. K. (Stockton).—"How do you think the burglar found my best cigars?" Very enjoyable.

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D. C. (Epping).—"What is better than a stream running through one's garden?" The rain stopping.

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B. M. (Goole).—"Don't you think the fireworks season has started earlier than usual?" Yes, judging by reports.

T. H. (Grendon).—"This letter is very sincere, and there is nothing put on about it." So we noticed when we had to pay the postman threepence for it.

P. B. (Chelsea).—"The doctor said that pheasant was not a very suitable food to take before a football match." Trying to put you off your game.

B. C. (Deal).—"Many a self-made man marries well." And afterwards becomes the revised work of a wife and grown-up daughters.

P. N. (Hove).—"Central heating is dear to instal." About 12s. 6d. a bottle.

Mrs. P. (Dursley).—"I don't run round to my neighbours talking scandal." You're on the 'phone?

D. N. (Bude).—"When one sees something one really must have and yet cannot afford, what should one do?" Without it.

D. K. (Diss).—"What would you do if a weird moaning noise issued from the wall in the garden every night?" Try to get to the bottom of it.

N. G. (Ventnor).—"I must admit that my wife's new autumn hat is certainly rather unique." You mean it actually looks a hat?

G. F. (Rainham).—"My small son gets more out of our wireless set than I can." And does he succeed in getting it all back in the right place again?

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T. M. (London).—"I often spend the whole of my dinner hour bell-ringing, but, of course, I get nothing for it." Nor do we, if the waitress is in one of her independent moods.

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Mrs. G. L. (Watford).—"My son is one of the cleverest boys the college has ever turned out." Then why on earth did they turn him out?

F. L. (Leeds).—"Competitors at a women's bowls championship were described by a sporting writer as very good-looking but rather nervous players." Ducks, in fact, but not Drakes.

EX-DETECTIVE (Woking).—"The cleverest swindler I ever arrested was taken away by his four-year-old son." Which proves once again that it is the little things that tell.

R. J. C. (Edinburgh).—"How can I hope to be 100?" Well, what about winning the Bullets First Prize Pension on the opposite page? As a man of 38, you'd have £3,000 in Pension Cheques to look forward to!

M. B. (Highgate).—"I have taught my bulldog to carry an umbrella in its mouth." So now you don't turn a hair when you meet the rightful owner of the gamp?

R. M. (Luton).—"The man who loses dangerously has only himself to blame when disaster overtakes him." But what can he do if the wife simply insists on learning to play darts?

T. M. (Letchworth).—"Men who don't play golf do not know what they are missing." Whereas many who do play golf know perfectly well what they are missing, and still cannot hit the darned thing.

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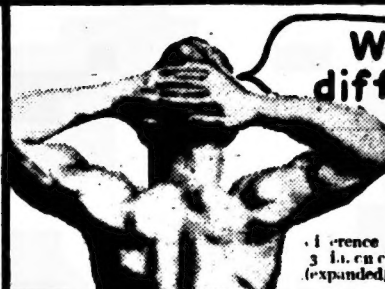
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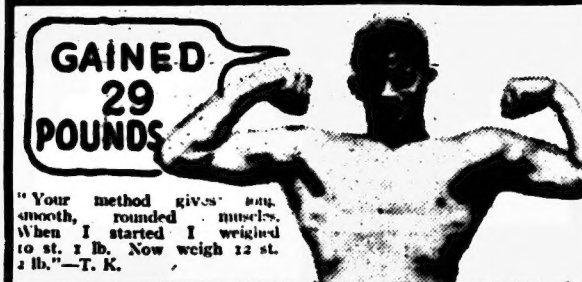


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